

Summer term 2023

TDAJ Curriculum Overview

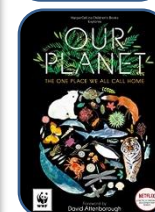
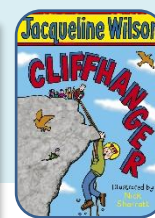


Our curriculum is broad and balanced and taught in a variety of ways including whole class lessons, collaborative small groups or individually, both in the classroom and outdoors. Progression and continuity are carefully planned for, focusing on key knowledge and skills for each year group in each subject.

Literacy:

We teach our Literacy lessons using **McKie Mastery: Power Literacy**. Each week we have 3 reading days and 2 writing days. The children are not automatically grouped by age but by where they are up to in their learning. We use a wide range of exciting, ambitious texts during our lessons, such as '**Cliffhanger**', '**Our Planet**' and '**The eye of the wolf**'. In our **reading lessons** we teach the word reading skills, fluency and comprehension. Please see page 2 of the Home School Diaries to find guidance about our reading fluency league. In the diary you can also find useful questions to ask when listening to your child read on pages 4- 9.

In our **writing lessons**, we teach the children how to use language to create an impact on the reader. We teach the children how to write a variety of different text types: narratives, playscripts, poems, explanation texts, instructions to name a few. We teach the vocabulary, grammar and punctuation objectives from the National Curriculum. For further guidance on this, please use this one-page tool [Thomas Deacon Academy - KS2 English](#) All the spelling words can be found in the back of your child's home school diary.



Mathematics:

We teach our Maths lessons using **McKie Mastery: Power Mathematics**. Each week we have 5 lessons for 1 hour 10 minutes. The children are not automatically grouped by age but by where they are up to in their learning. Throughout the year, children will develop their knowledge of the four operations, fractions, shape, measure and statistics. In year 6, children will also explore knowledge of ratio and extend their knowledge of percentages and decimals. For further information about the Mathematics curriculum at TDAJ, please go to the following link: <https://bit.ly/3NphVgL>

To support with their mathematical knowledge, it is important that children develop their times tables on a daily basis. The use of Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) will allow children to develop their recall and efficiency of these. These are the foundation to their knowledge in all aspects of Mathematics. All children are expected to complete 15 minutes of TTRS per day to develop this skill. All children also have access to Sumdog which allows them to develop all areas on their Mathematics knowledge.



Our Learning This Term in Year 6

History – Britain at War

This term, the children will learn about the causes, events and consequences of the First and Second World Wars, the influence of new inventions on warfare, how life in Great Britain was affected and the legacy of the wars in the post-war period.

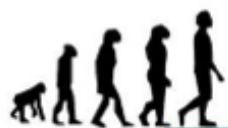


Science- Light Theory



In science, we will teach children about the way that light behaves, travelling in straight lines from a source or reflector, into the eye. They will explore how we see light and colours, and phenomena associated with light, including shadows, reflections, and refraction.

Science – Evolution and Inheritance



In science, the children will also explore how living things have changed over time and how fossils provide evidence for this. They will learn how characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring and how variation in offspring can affect their survival.

Art- Bees, Beetles and Butterflies

In this topic, children explore insects through observational drawing, mixed media collages and Pop Art. They will consolidate their learning to make a final piece of artwork inspired by bees, beetles or butterflies.



Music

This term we will explore groups of instruments used in an orchestra and understand that music can convey messages of hope, love and support.

Computing

This term, the children will be thinking critically about how video is used to promote a cause and working collaboratively to shoot and edit original footage.



RE- Where does the Bible come from?

In RE this term, we will be exploring Christianity and the origin of the Bible. The children learn a brief history of the Bible and its origins, as well as investigate some of its diverse contents and features.

PSHE- 'Medicine and Drugs Education'

This term, we will explore the difference between medicine and drugs. We will also explore some of the effects of alcohol and tobacco on the human body.



Homework Expectations

- Reading - 15 min daily
- Times tables practice – 15 min daily
- Spellings practice- 15 min daily

Yr6 CGP homework (starting after half term)

- Maths – 30 min per week
- Reading - 30min per week

Useful websites

- [Kiddle - a search engine for kids](#)
- [KS2 - BBC Bitesize](#)

Free school subscriptions

- [Times Tables Rock Stars \(trockstars.com\)](#)
- [Sumdog Maths & Spelling \(www.sumdog.com\)](#)
- Free online library- [Sora \(soraapp.com\)](#)