

Summer term 2023

TDAJ Curriculum Overview

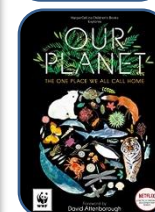
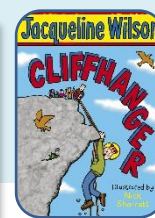


Our curriculum is broad and balanced and taught in a variety of ways including whole class lessons, collaborative small groups or individually, both in the classroom and outdoors. Progression and continuity are carefully planned for, focusing on key knowledge and skills for each year group in each subject.

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 5

History- Groundbreaking Greeks

Children will learn about developments and changes over six periods of ancient Greek history, focusing on the city state of Athens in the Classical age, and exploring the lasting legacy of ancient Greece.



Science - Properties and Changes of Materials

This topic looks at the wider properties of materials and their uses. They learn about mixtures and how they can be separated using sieving, filtration and evaporation. They study reversible and irreversible changes, and use common indicators to identify irreversible changes.

Art- Mixed Media

Children will learn about paper crafts, papermaking and collage techniques, including paper, fabric, mixed media and photo collage. They use their learning to create a final piece of small-scale, mixed media collage.



Music

In music lessons, children will be focussing on composing, music notation and performing songs.

Computing

Children will be using CoSpaces to build in 3D online, use coding to add interactions and explore their creations using virtual reality.



RE- Christianity, Sikhism and Islam

Children will learn key beliefs, stories and places of worship. They will then compare similarities and differences across religions.

PSHE- Safety Contexts and Healthy Lifestyles

Children will discuss how to stay safe in a variety of different contexts. They will also discuss what it means to be healthy and how they can stay healthy.



Homework Expectations

Children are expected to do the following:

- 4 pages of CGP maths book per week
- Daily reading of book band or library books
- Practice spellings and times tables for 15 minutes daily



Useful websites

[Kiddle](#) - visual search engine for kids

A child friendly and safe version of Google

[Sora \(soraapp.com\)](#)

Children have access to an online library by using their school logins and passwords