



## Aston Hall Junior & Infants

### Curriculum Booklet for Parents

*Autumn Term 2022*

## UKS2

### Staff

- Mrs O'Daly – Y6 teacher
- Mrs Selman – Y6 teacher
- Miss Cochrane – Y5/6 teacher
- Miss Ellis – Y5 teacher
- Mrs Wall – Y5 and Y6 TA
- Mrs Stickland – Y5 and Y6 TA

**Physical Education:** PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Our PE teacher, Mr Inglis, will teach the Wednesday slot and Miss Cochrane will teach the Thursday session. All children must keep their PE kit in school. Full PE kit consists of white T-shirt/polo shirt, black shorts/joggers/leggings, and trainers or pumps.

**Geography:** We will begin our geography unit with a study of the different types of biomes across our planet. We will then be focusing specifically on Africa. We will look at the human and physical features of countries such as Nigeria and Morocco. Our significant person linked to Africa will be Nelson Mandela.

**French:** Our French curriculum will continue to be delivered online through Dragons Teaching with expert MFL teachers.



### Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due in the following Wednesday. This will be mainly through CGP Maths and SPaG books to consolidate our learning. Your child's homework will also include spellings to practise, and spelling tests will take place weekly on a Friday.

**Religious Education:** We will be learning about the importance of belonging, human rights and the impact that religion can have on these. We will investigate the key features of Islam and Christianity and the importance of prayer.

### Harvest Festival Celebration

We are excited to announce that we will be walking the children to the Central Methodist Church on Lodge Lane for a Harvest Celebration on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. The children have been busy practising some Harvest songs and each class will prepare something to perform at the church.

*Thank you for your continued support!*

### KS2 Timetable

Mornings	Afternoons
8:35 Doors open for morning job	12:00 Lunch
8:45 Register	13:00 Wider curriculum subjects
9:00 Reading/Assembly	15:20 Home
9:45 Maths	
10:45 Break	
11:00 English Novel Study	

**Maths:** We have started this year by focusing on place value, ensuring that children are secure in their knowledge of numbers up to 1,000,000 in Y5 and 10,000,000 in Y6, including negative numbers and rounding skills. Following this, we will be moving on to securing the children's knowledge of calculation, beginning with methods for the four operations and the application of these to problem solving contexts.

**English Novel Study:** Our English lessons are always delivered through high-quality, engaging texts, and this term we are studying 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. This is a fantastic book with many PSHE links, and it will provide us with lots of opportunities to develop our writing skills. We will begin the term exploring the character's perspectives by writing diaries and then looking at how the formality of writing changes between text types.

**Science:** In science, we will be learning about Living Things, including both animals and humans.

Through this unit, Y5 will study life cycles and classifying animals, and will learn about the main organs of the human body, beginning to think about human reproduction and puberty.

Y6 will be exploring adaptation/inheritance and Charles Darwin, and will develop their understanding of the human organs further through studying the circulatory system and the importance of a healthy diet and lifestyle.

**Music:** Our UKS2 music lessons are taught every Monday by our specialist WPT music teacher, Mrs Gibbons. The children have already enjoyed sessions inspired by African music, performing through singing and using a glockenspiel, and they will continue to develop their knowledge of music through both voice and musical instruments.

**History:** This term we are stepping back in time to study the Ancient Maya. We will be exploring primary and secondary sources to understand what life was like during the Mayan period, why they were feared warriors and what led to their decline. In addition

to this, we will focus on their significant achievements such as the development of chocolate, calendars and ball games, and how they still impact the modern world

**Jigsaw PSHE:** We will begin with our 'Being Me in My World' unit, where we will consider our own and others' feelings and making the community to which we belong a better place. Then we will move to our second unit 'Celebrating Difference' where we will learn to embrace and accept people's uniqueness. We will also learn about healthy friendships and problem solving for bullying behaviours.



#### **Crucial Crew Trip- Y6**

We will be heading out for our annual Y6 visit to Crucial Crew on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October. This is a great opportunity for children to learn about the Emergency Services and how to keep themselves safe.

#### **Author Visit- Y5**

Y5 will be visited by children's author Daniel Henshaw on 8<sup>th</sup> November and they will be taking part in a reading workshop.

#### **African Drumming – Y5 & Y6**

UKS2 will be taking part in African drumming workshops on the 25<sup>th</sup> November.

We are so excited that **KS2 Carols in the Community** is back this year! More info to follow.