

Art/DT

We will be developing our art skills in a range of topic related pieces that include paints, pastels, pencils and collage. Our artwork will be based around the abstract pieces of Johannes Itten. We will be creating our own piece of abstract art. In our DT project, we will be learning textile skills to design and make a cushion.

History

Our history topic this term is Ancient Greece. We will explore how Greek times have influenced life today. We will also learn about the way of life in Athens and Sparta, the legacy of Ancient Greece including democracy, the Olympics and how they influenced maths, science and technology.

Geography

Within this area, we will explore Arctic and Antarctic, including the climate change crisis and how we can reduce the impact of this, how animals adapt to their environment, and who is Greta Thunberg.

PE

Our class' PE days are still Wednesday and Friday (Can you please ensure that your child has their earrings removed (if this applies!) and long hair is tied back. We also ask that children keep their PE kit in school throughout the week in case PE days change, and that kits include shorts, trousers, trainers (this should be a different pair to what they wear to school), T-shirt and jacket/hoody. In addition, Y4 swimming sessions will commence next week on Mondays.

Important dates:

Tuesday 31st January: Y4 trip to mosque

TBC: Y4 parent information meeting about Times Table Check

TBC: LKS2 Ancient Greeks day

Thank you for your continued support ☺



Aston Hall Junior & Infant School

Curriculum Booklet for Parents

Y4HS

Spring Term

Our Staff

- Mr Steeple – Teacher
- Mrs Westby – TA & interventions
- Mrs Clifton, Mr Inglis & Mrs James – PPA cover

Our Timetable

Morning	Afternoon
8:35 Doors open	12:00 Lunch
8:45 Register	13:00 2 lessons daily; History/Geography/Art/DT/RE/ PSHE/Computing/French/PE/Music plus Handwriting, Reading, TTRS
9:00 Assembly (M, Tu. Th)	
9:20 SPaG and English	
10:30 Break	15:20 Home time
10:45 Maths	

Welcome to Spring term in Y4HS! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break; we were pleased to see your children happily returning to school in 2023. Below, we have collated some useful information for this term.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday (and posted onto Dojo), and is due in by the following Tuesday. There will be either a Maths, English or wider curriculum task/activity as well as regular reading of 3-4 times per week, recorded in Reading Records (please bring these in for checking on Thursdays). Additionally, children need to access TT Rockstars and learn our weekly spellings. Spelling tests will be held on the Friday after the homework is set.

Maths

We are going to be learning about the following areas in Maths this term: multiplication, division, length and perimeter and fractions. This will include multiplying, using a formal written method, dividing numbers using a written method (bus stop) and counting remainders, measuring shapes, converting lengths and looking at the area of shapes. We will cover our fractions learning before the end of the half term and finish with some work around decimals.

English

The majority of our English learning will be based around our class novel: The Breadwinner. Within this, we will cover setting descriptions, war poetry, diary entry, non-chronological reports, debates and an explanation text. We will identify the features and build upon the skills needed to make successful writers, with a big focus on conjunctions to extend sentences. Spelling, punctuation and grammar skills will also be embedded.

Science

We will continue teaching Science on Wednesdays to enable us to split into our specific year groups. The topics we will all cover this term are 'Earth and Space' and 'Plants'.

In our Space topic, we will learn about the different planets in our solar system, how day and night are created, types of rock and magnetic forces.

Y4s will focus on how soil helps plants grown and grouping and classifying plants. In our Space topic, we will focus on the sun, planets and their moons (and orbits) and forces, including gravity and friction.

Music

Our music lessons will now be taught by Mr Steeple on Thursdays while Mrs Gibbons (the specialist WPT teacher) is on maternity leave.

Computing

This half term, on Thursdays, Mrs Khan will teach fortnightly computing sessions.

Religion, Ethics & Philosophy

Children will continue to learn about values, diversity and beliefs. We will explore Charles Darwin, Jesus, miracles and we will be visiting the mosque to learn more about Islam.

PSHE

We deliver PSHE using the Jigsaw scheme. Our Spring term topics are 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'. Children will think about their own ambitions, how to overcome challenges and manage frustration. After half term, we will cover attitudes towards drugs, dealing with peer pressure and coping with fear and anxiety.

