



Aston Hall
Junior & Infant School

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Curriculum Booklet for Parents

Autumn Term 2024

UKS2

Staff

- Miss Cochrane – Y6 teacher
- Miss Ellis - Y5/6 teacher
- Miss Davenport – Y5 teacher
- Mrs Wall – Y5 and Y6 TA
- Mrs Clifton – Y5 and Y6 TA and cover
- Mrs Grey – Y5 and Y6 cover
- Mr Inglis- PE teacher
- Mrs Gibbons- Music teacher

UKS2 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	

Physical Education: PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. Our PE teacher, Mr Inglis, will teach the Monday slot and the class teacher will teach the Wednesday 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.

French: In our French lessons we are working on developing our knowledge of written and spoken conversational phrases and sentences.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due in the following Wednesday. Homework, for this half term, will mainly be through IXL, where children will be directed to lessons based on current learning, and Emile for spelling practise. Finally, as part of homework, there is an expectation for children to **read at least 3 times a week**. This should be recorded in reading records and given to teachers by Friday each week.

Religious Education: This half term we are learning about humanism and looking at the themes of kindness, fairness, peace and freedom. We will then be focussing on Christianity and stories within the Bible linked to Christmas.

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 16th October. The children will soon be busy practising some Harvest songs and each class will prepare something to perform at the church.

Thank you for your continued support!

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 completing our Technology and the Physical World units. Through these, we will be learning about sound, light and how it travels, electricity and how circuits are made and adapted as well as investigating materials. Year 5 will be learning more about materials whereas year 6 will be focusing more on reversible and irreversible changes.

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.



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 Maya 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

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 be looking at the human and physical features of countries such as Nigeria and Morocco. Our significant person linked to Africa will be Nelson Mandela.

Music: Our UKS2 music lessons are taught every Monday by our specialist WPT music teacher, Mrs Gibbons. The children have already enjoyed some ukulele sessions and they will continue to develop their knowledge of music through both voice and musical instruments.

Crucial Crew Trip- Y6

We will be heading out for our annual Y6 visit to Crucial Crew on the 17th October. This is a great opportunity for children to learn about the Emergency Services and how to keep themselves safe.

Climbing Wall

All children in year 5 and 6 have the fantastic opportunity to visit the WPT's climbing wall for free. The children in 5LD will be visiting on Friday 13th December. Y5/6ME and Y6AC will visit on Friday 17th January.

Carols in the Community

We are so excited that Carols in the Community is back this year! This will take place on Wednesday 18th December.