

English

This half term, children will explore *Cave Baby* by Julia Donaldson and Emily Gravett, a story about a cheeky baby's moonlit adventure with a hairy mammoth, meeting animals along the way. They will write their own stories, instructions, and poems, focusing on capital letters, full stops, conjunctions, expanded noun phrases, and bossy verbs. Retelling familiar tales and describing personal experiences will help them develop storytelling skills, practising clear and confident speaking.

Islamic Link:

In Islam, storytelling teaches valuable lessons, as Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) used stories to guide others. Children will learn that creativity and expression are gifts from Allah (SWT), encouraging gratitude and reflection on the wisdom stories bring. Through their writing, they'll connect with this tradition and express their unique ideas.

Science

This term, children will explore various animals, including pets, UK mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, and amphibians. They will identify, describe, and compare their features, classify animals as carnivores, herbivores, or omnivores, and develop observation and critical thinking skills. This learning fosters curiosity, empathy, and respect for living creatures.

Islamic Link:

In Islam, animals reflect Allah's power and wisdom. Studying them nurtures appreciation for His blessings and reinforces the responsibility to care for all creatures as stewards of the Earth.

Spring 1 - Curriculum Overview 2025

KS1 - YEAR 1-2

Islamic knowledge is incorporated into the curriculum

Mathematics

In KS1, children will develop a strong understanding of place value within 20, recognising the value of each digit and exploring addition and subtraction using number bonds. Counting forwards and backwards will enhance fluency, while investigating related facts, such as the link between addition and subtraction, will improve problem-solving. As they progress to numbers up to 50, children will build on place value knowledge and apply skills in addition and subtraction. They will also estimate numbers on a number line to understand their size and position, using practical strategies to deepen understanding and solve problems confidently and effectively.

PE

KS1 will focus on movement, throwing, and catching. Children will practise running at different speeds, jumping with correct technique, and landing safely. They'll roll a ball to targets, track and retrieve it, and learn overarm throwing and underarm slinging. Lessons will emphasise control and coordination, starting with a warm-up and ending with cool-down strategies to support physical well-being.

Art

In KS1, children will study Animal Art, focusing on British wildlife. They will explore the shapes, colours, and patterns of animals, experimenting with different artistic styles. Inspired by Aboriginal dot painting, children will create their own animal art before designing 3D models of rainforest animals.

Islamic

Children will learn that all animals worship Allah (SWT) and reflect on the story of Nuh (AS), understanding Allah's mercy in saving animals during the flood,

Link:

Geography

This term, for geography, KS1 will explore countries around the world. Last term, they identified different oceans, and this term will focus on countries and their characteristics. We will start by looking at the continents and the countries within them, examining famous landmarks and interesting facts. **Islamic link:** Islam is not limited to households or Saudi Arabia, but exists worldwide. KS1 will learn about Muslims across the globe and their impact on different nations.

PSHE

In PSHE, Year 1 and Year 2 will explore the topic of making decisions. Children will reflect on the lives of various prophets, such as Prophet Musa and Prophet Yunus, and how they faced different challenges. They will learn how these prophets overcame their issues effectively and positively through thoughtful decision-making.