



Nourishing the fitrah of each unique child

Year 1 / 2

Friday 7th October 2022



Year 1 / 2 Staff:

Ustadha Nadia - Teaching core subjects in the morning.

Ustadha Ahlam - Teaching foundation subjects in the afternoon.

Ustadha Manal - Arabic and Qur'aan Teacher

Ustadh Arian - PE Teacher

Year 1 / 2 Routines and Expectations:



- The school day starts at 8:45am, children to arrive promptly so that they can join in with the morning Duas while lining up with their class.
- Arrivals after 8:45am will be marked as late.
- Attendance is equally important - children who attend school every day and on time achieve the best results academically.
- Children who attend school every day will receive an attendance certificate in Assembly on the following Monday.

8:45 AM

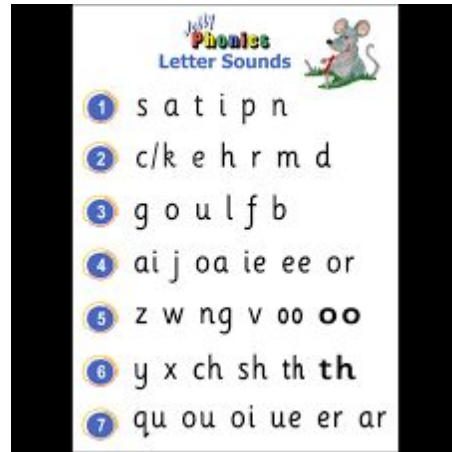
School Day:

- 8:45 - 9am - Morning Assembly
- 9 - 9:20am - Phonics
- 9:20 - 10:20am - English
- 10:20 - 10:35am - Break Time
- 10:35 - 11am - Guided Reading / Handwriting
- 11-12pm - Maths
- 12 - 1pm - Lunch and Outdoor Play
- 1 - 1:45pm - Arabic and Qur'aan
- 1:45 - 2:45pm - Topic
- 2:45 - 3:10pm - Halaqah and Salah
- 3:15pm - Home time

Timetable on website: <https://uniqueacademy.education/ks1-timetable/>

Phonics:

- At Unique Academy, we offer high quality daily phonics sessions using the Jolly Phonics programme.
- Jolly Phonics is taught across the school starting from Nursery then Reception and all the way to Year 1 and Year 2.
- Phonics teaches children to read and spell by using the sounds a letter or a group of letters make.
- Our reading books in school match the phonics teaching sequence so that your child can apply their phonic knowledge to reading the words in the books.



Reading at school:



- At Unique Academy we see reading as an integral part of the school curriculum that impacts on all learning.
- We use a wide range of literature to support a love of reading.
- We value the importance of being a confident reader and want children to enjoy reading a wide range of books both in and out of school.
- In our Guided Reading lessons, children will complete various reading comprehension activities to assess their understanding of the books and texts they are reading.

Reading at home:



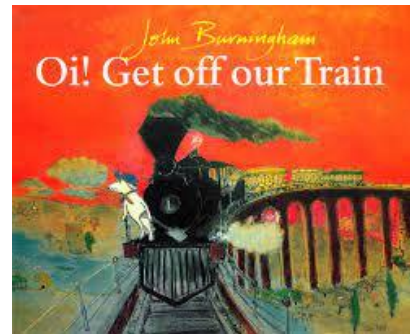
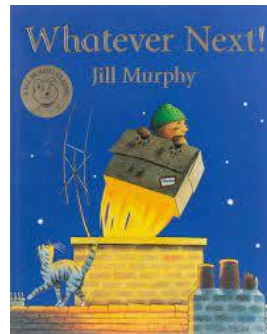
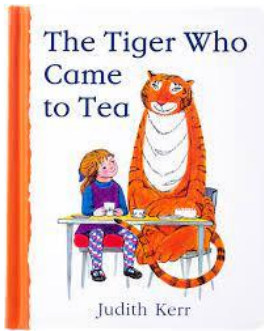
- Your child will bring home a reading book suited to their reading level.
- Please listen to your child read for at least **15 minutes every day** and write a comment in their Reading Record about how they read.
- Please keep your child's books in their book bag and bring in daily.
- We want children to develop a Pleasure for Reading so please take the opportunity to visit your local library, we will be going on a library visit in Autumn 2.
- Please refer to the recent 'Support your Child's Reading at Home' letter for a recommended book list for Year 1 / 2.

Topic for Autumn Term:

- Our topic for all of Autumn term is Childhood. In this theme, your child will learn and explore how childhood has changed over time. They will learn about everyday life in the 1950s and discuss the similarities and differences to childhood today.
- In class, we have been showing children toys and games that children played with in the past which have proved incredibly popular with the children.
- As part of this topic, we will be visiting Legoland, Windsor on Thursday 13th October where children will participate in various activities and will also take part in a Castle Building workshop.

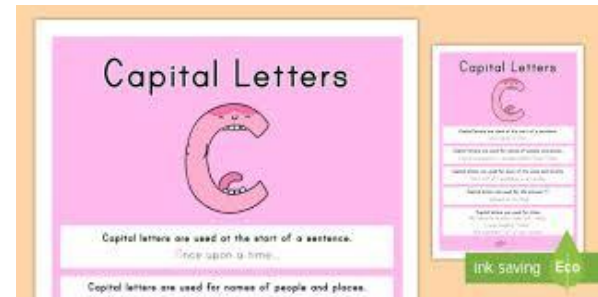
English:

- Children will be exploring a wide range of texts including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. They will learn to work with others, to role play, plan ideas and begin to write their own sentences and stories.
- In Autumn Term 1, we have read a range of books and poems in our English lessons including *The Tiger Who Came To Tea*, *Dogger*, *Whatever Next!* *Goat's Sore Tummy*, *Oi Get Off My Train* and *The Chicken and The Shark*.



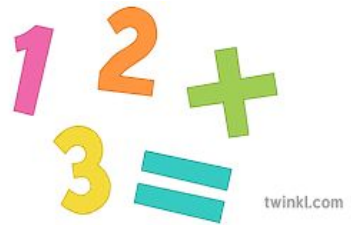
English:

- Cursive Writing - we have been encouraging children to use cursive writing. They have been practising in class and will continue to be taught how to form letters and words using joined up writing.
- Grammar: In Year 1, children will be taught how to use capital letter, full stops, questions marks and exclamation marks. In Year 2, children will be taught commas, apostrophes and contractions, for example, I'll for I will.



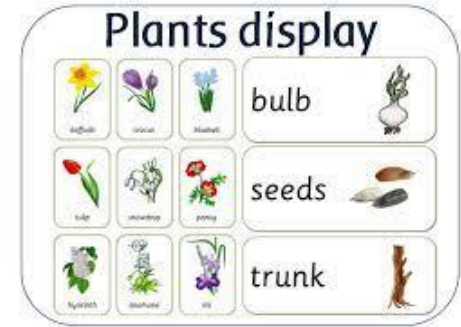
Maths:

- In line with the National Curriculum, children will be learning a range of topics in Maths including sequencing, place value, addition and subtraction. They will also learn about measurements, shapes and money.
- In Year 1: children will count, read and write numbers to 100. They will learn to count in twos, fives and tens.
- In Year 2: children will read and write numbers to 100 in numerals and in words. They will count in steps of two, three, five and ten.



Core and Foundation Subjects:

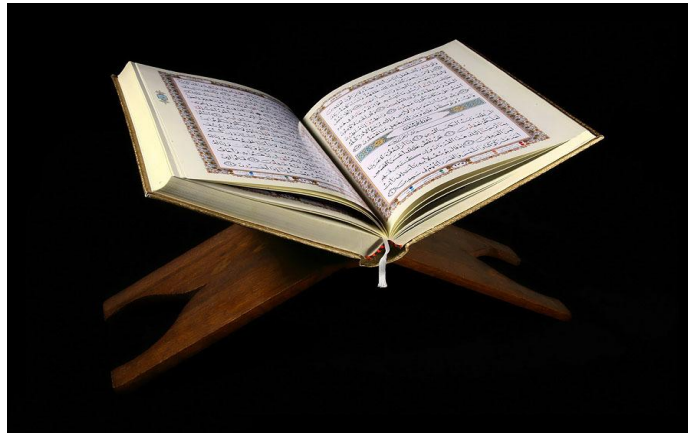
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Computing
- Religious Education
- Art and Design
- Design and Technology
- Citizenship



- Halaqah: children will be engaged in Islamic discussions.

Arabic and Qur'aan:

- In Arabic, children will be learning to read, write and say basic Arabic words and phrases.
- As part of their Islamic studies, they will learn to recite the following surahs: Surah Fatihah, Surah Naas, Surah Falaq, Surah Ikhas, Surah Masad and Surah Nasr



PE Lessons:

- PE will take place outside (weather permitting) every Thursday afternoon by Ustadh Arian.
- Children to come into school wearing their PE kits.
- As with all uniform, please make sure all PE clothing is labelled with your child's name on it.
- No jewellery to be worn for safety reasons.



Homework:



- Homework is given out every Monday and needs to be returned the following Monday. Please make time and space for children to complete their homework.
- The children will be given weekly homework for English, Math, Science, Arabic and Qur'aan.
- Weekly homework will also be set on **Doodle Learning** which will be personalised to your child - Baseline Assessment.
- Children will be given weekly Spellings every Monday for their spelling test the following Monday

School Uniform:

- Please visit school website for the schools uniform policy.
- Uniform can be ordered on the website using the Uniform order form.
- Please ensure every item of uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.
- As we are now in Autumn Term it is important children bring in Wellington Boots with them to school which they can change into for their outdoor play.
- School book bags are encouraged rather than rucksacks as it is easier to neatly pack away homework and books.



Healthy Lunch:



- Unique Academy promotes healthy eating and we would therefore remind parents to provide a healthy packed lunch for their children.
- No crisps, chocolates or juice please.
- NHS website recommendations:
<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>
- Children to bring in a clearly labelled water bottle. Water bottles are placed in a tray in the classroom so that children are able to easily access this throughout the day.

Other:

- Communication Books - Parents and teachers can communicate about non urgent matters using the communication book.
- Every morning, we remind children to place these and any other books, including the Reading Record in a tray so we can update these daily.
- Parents can also briefly speak to teachers at the start or at the end of the school day.
- All information about the topics covered in Yr 1 /2 is available on the website: <https://uniqueacademy.education/ks1-topic-maps/>

- We have discussed toilet breaks with children, we encourage them to visit the toilet before they start school and during break and lunch time to minimise any disruption to their learning.
- Please encourage children to sleep early so that they are well rested and ready for the school day ahead. For this age group, the recommended bedtime is usually between 7-8pm.

Any Questions?



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