

Spring 2025

THE DAR-UL-MADINAH BULLETIN

The official newsletter for Dar-ul-Madinah Primary School Blackburn



PARENT NOTICES

- School closes for end of term on 4th April at 12pm and reopens on Wednesday 23rd April
- School will be closed for Eid on Monday 31st March and Tuesday 1st April
- Eid celebrations on Thursday 3rd April. Children to attend wearing appropriate party clothes, party food contributions are welcome.
- Please can all parents ensure that class Dojo notifications are turned on to ensure that important messages are not missed as this is our primary method of communication.
- Homework is handed out every Friday to be completed and returned by the following Tuesday.
- New spellings are given each Monday to children to be tested on the following Monday.
- Please ensure you are reading with your child regularly and signing their books a minimum of four times a week for them to get their reward.

What's been going on in Year 1 & 2...

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful progress and achievements of our Year 1 & 2 students in both Maths and English. It has been a term filled with growth, learning, and a lot of fun!

Maths Highlights:

In Maths this term children in Year 1 & 2 focussed on topics including Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Length and Height.

- Number Sense: Children in Year 1 & 2 delved deeper into understanding numbers, their relationships, and how they can be manipulated. They explored addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division in various contexts consolidating previous learning.
- Problem Solving: Through engaging problem-solving activities and puzzles as part of their daily Maths tasks, children in Year 1 & 2 built on their critical thinking skills and perseverance. They have completed challenges both collaboratively and independently helping them to develop their ability to think creatively and approach problems from different angles.

English Highlights:

- Reading Adventures: We started this term off with an exciting book; Grandpa's Gift through which children were exposed to a variety of new Reading skills. They participated in individual and group activities where they demonstrated improved fluency, comprehension, and a growing love for reading. These skills were then further consolidated when reading our second book this term; The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth. We have celebrated and further encouraged our children to continue their Reading journeys.
- Writing Journeys: This term our young writers in Year 1 & 2 have completed various writing activities showcasing their unique writing styles and imaginations. From writing character descriptions to narratives, they have all implemented a range of writing techniques.

Highlights from Our Topic:

Over the course of this term children in Year 1 & 2 have learnt a range of new facts and explored new ideas as well as interesting concepts through their Topic lessons. From learning about life changing events in their History topic about The Great Fire of London to exploring religious practices as part of their RE, children have embarked on an exciting journey giving them an awareness of those around them and life today.

Islamic Studies Highlight:

children explored key Islamic teachings through engaging activities that deepened their understanding of faith and values. They learned about the story of Prophet Ibrahim may peace be upon him, by sequencing key events using pictures and then colouring them, helping to reinforce their comprehension of his sacrifices and unwavering faith. As part of their learning about the creations of Allah, they named and illustrated various aspects of the natural world, developing an appreciation for the beauty and diversity of His creations. During prayer-focused activities, children designed their own prayer mats, expressing creativity while understanding the importance of Salah in a Muslim's daily life. They also discovered the significance of Ramadan, discussing its purpose, the acts of worship performed during this holy month, and the importance of kindness and generosity. Through these activities, children not only gained knowledge but also developed a deeper connection to their faith and values.

We are extremely proud of the growth and achievements of all our children in Year 1 & 2 this term. They have all showed enthusiasm and a love for learning across all subjects.

We look forward to exploring new topics, embarking on fresh adventures, and continuing to inspire a love for learning in our Year 1 & 2 students.