Greenmount Primary School

GREENHAVEN KS1

CURRICULUM NEWS



WHAT ARE WE DOING AT SCHOOL THIS TERM?

English

Our English learning will explore stories about feelings and emotions, including The Colour Monster, Ruby's Worry, Fly Boy, The Boy Who Drummed His Feelings, The River and My Heart Is a Poem. Through shared reading, discussion and role play, children will explore characters' feelings and make connections to their own experiences. We will use Colourful Semantics to support children in building sentences and developing vocabulary, alongside phonics, handwriting, spelling and grammar. Children will have lots of opportunities to communicate their ideas through speaking, writing and practical activities.

Maths

In maths, children will develop their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction, using practical resources and visual representations. We will also explore multiplication and division through grouping and sharing. Regular number activities will support children's fluency, reasoning and confidence.

Science – Materials

Children will investigate different materials and their properties through practical experiments. They will explore questions such as which materials are strongest, which objects float or sink and what happens when materials are changed. Children will develop their skills in predicting, observing and describing what they discover.

History – The Great Fire of London

Children will travel back to 1666 to learn about the Great Fire of London. They will explore what happened, why the fire spread and how it was eventually stopped. Using pictures, stories and historical evidence, children will sequence events and develop their understanding of the past, including cause and consequence.

Geography – Our Island, Our Home

Children will explore the United Kingdom, learning about its four countries and capital cities, as well as the seven continents and five oceans. They will use maps and globes to locate different places and explore physical and human features of our local area.

Art – Aboriginal Art

Children will explore Aboriginal art, looking at how symbols, patterns, colours and lines can communicate ideas and stories. They will experiment with different painting techniques, including blending, stippling and shading, before creating their own artwork inspired by what they have discovered.

RE – Harvest

Our RE learning will focus on Harvest. Children will explore why Harvest is important to Christians and consider ideas such as being thankful, sharing and helping others. They will also have opportunities to talk about celebrations and traditions that are important to them.

PSHE – Me and My Relationships

Children will explore feelings, friendships and relationships, thinking about what makes a happy and safe classroom. They will learn about kindness, teasing and bullying and how to respond when something does not feel right. This links closely to our Green Haven PBS focus on respect, boundaries, self-regulation, resilience and independence.

PE – Fundamentals

Children will develop their fundamental movement skills, including running, jumping, hopping, skipping, balancing and changing direction. Through fun and practical activities, they will develop coordination, control and confidence while learning to follow instructions and persevere with new challenges.

Music – The Great Fire of London

Children will explore music linked to The Great Fire of London, developing their understanding of pulse, rhythm and dynamics. They will create and perform simple rhythms, use basic musical notation and work together as an ensemble, developing their confidence and enjoyment of music.

Computing – Computing Systems and Networks

Children will learn about computers and technology, identifying different parts of a computer and exploring what they are used for. They will practise using a mouse and keyboard and accessing programmes, while learning how to use technology safely and responsibly.

AT HOME YOUR CHILD COULD...

- Talk about feelings: Read a story together and talk about how the characters might be feeling and why. Encourage your child to share how they have felt during their day.
- History detectives: Look at old family photographs and talk about what has changed over time. Can your child put the pictures in order?
- Maths and geography hunt: Find different shapes, materials and numbers around the house, or use a map to find the UK, its countries and capital cities.

AS A FAMILY YOU MIGHT LIKE TO...

- Make a puppet: Create a simple puppet from socks, paper or cardboard and use it to tell a story together.
- Great Fire challenge: Build a model of a 1666 London street using boxes or Lego and explore what might make a fire spread or stop.
- Explore your local area: Go for a walk and create a simple map together, spotting buildings, roads, parks and natural features along the way.