



ZAYTOUNA PRIMARY VIRTUAL NEWS

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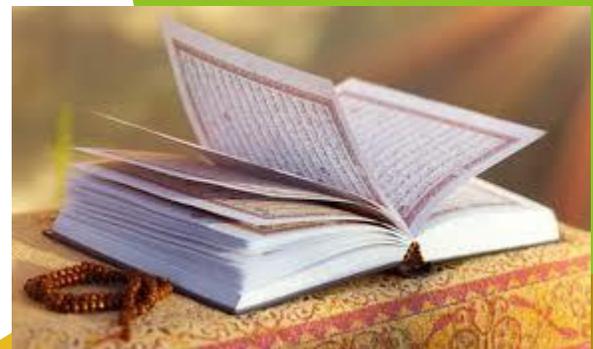
New Quran Reading

We have started a new Quranic Teaching system in which children will receive a 1-to-1 Quran lesson every week. The QIS team will be spending individual time with your child and then communicating the progress of your child to you (please ensure you are using Class Dojo to receive your updates!). Future plans include uploading Quranic recordings that children can listen to at home in order to revise and progress in their Quranic reading. I would also like to add how proud I am of the children at Zaytouna who have returned after a lengthy period yet have still maintained a high standard of Quranic reading. Parents should also be proud of the efforts they have made to ensure that their children continue their Quranic reading at home during the lock down period. May Allah reward you all and illuminate our hearts and lives through the Quran, Aameen.

As Salaamu-Alaykum

Well it's been another very successful week here at the Zaytouna Family home. Children are settled, learning and showing themselves at their very best. Enterprises are now in full swing and the new knowledge that is being created is just brilliant. Teachers have been working hard to identify where each child is at in their learning and this will continue over the next couple of weeks. This is so important as it allows us to ensure that learning is relevant, engaging and promotes accelerated progress. We're very much looking forward to talking to you about this more at our 'Meet the teacher' events that are coming up in week 4. Thanks as always for your ongoing support, it means a lot to the Zayteam and is allowing us to keep to our vision of being a school of excellence. Long may this continue!

God bless,
Miss Storer



"The best among you are those who have excellent character and conduct" Bukhari



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After school clubs

After school clubs will be back from next week...woohoo! To ensure that we adhere to Covid-19 safety measures, these will operate on an invitation basis and will happen in bubbles. ALL children will have the opportunity to attend a club throughout the year but these will need to be staggered. We're working hard to accommodate siblings to make it easier for parents.

Music



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I'm delighted to announce that we have become a Music Mark School. This award is in recognition of our commitment to providing a high-quality music education to all of our children. The Zaytouna Family pride ourselves on #DoingThingsDifferently and this is a real celebration of how we blend our Islamic ethos with a rich and varied curriculum that develops a child's mind, body and soul.

Meet the Teacher

During the week commencing 28th September you will have an opportunity to meet their child's class teacher. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, we can't fling open our doors and welcome you for coffee and cake right now, but never fear, these will take place via a Zoom call or a telephone call, so you get to see and hear us. Research shows that effective learning takes place when the child, teacher and parents work together. This is a great way for you to discuss your child's learning and how to most effectively support your child on their exciting journey of learning and personal development at Zaytouna. Please ensure you return the letter to book your slot.



Breakfast

All children are able to access breakfast between 8:00-8:30am. This is currently a grab bag that includes a variety of items. This is priced at 50p. Please let class teachers know if you'd like your child to have breakfast. Payment can be made via Parent Pay.



The School Bus

A reminder that we operate a school bus service at the start and the end of the school day. For more information, please contact the school office or see the sign up letter on our school website: www.zaytounaprimary.co.uk

The Cycle Lane on London Road

The newly erected cycle route that spans London Road will be there for at least three months. It is part of the government's plan to encourage more cycling to work. Thank you for your patience and support during our busiest times of the school day.



Volunteers to support learning



Could you spare a few hours in the daytime, could you help listen to children read, do you have a knowledge of technology? If so we would like to know. We are always on the look out for parent volunteers to come and join the Zaytouna family. If you are interested, please send an email to office@zaytounaprimary.co.uk, introducing yourself, how you can help, how many days/hours you can commit too, please also include your name and a contact telephone number.

We have celebrated so many super stars over the last few weeks:

We Love Reading at Zaytouna



Reading for pleasure is a special time at Zaytouna when we stop everything we are doing and all settle down to enjoy a good book.

Regular reading to an adult helps improve a child's vocabulary - knowledge of words and their understanding of the world around them. We recommend that all parents spend time reading with their children.

So why not make yourself a cuppa and share a book with your child!

Top tip for reading with your children:

1. **Make books a part of family life** - Always have books around at home. That way you and your children are ready to get reading, even if it's only for ten minutes.
2. **Join your local library** - Get your child a library card. They'll be able to get their hands on hundreds of fantastic books, as well as the latest video games, blu-rays and DVDs. Let them choose what they want to read to help them develop their own interests.

3. **Read about something they're interested in** - Help your child find the right book for them. It doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
4. **All reading is good** - Don't rule out non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines or leaflets. Reading is reading and it's all worthwhile.
5. **Get comfortable!** - Snuggle up together somewhere warm and cosy, whether it's in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa. And make sure your child has somewhere comfy to read on their own too.
6. **Ask questions** - To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read. Start with 'Where did we get to last time?', 'Can you remember what's happened so far?' and 'What do you think will happen next?'.
7. **Read whenever you get the chance** - Have a book or magazine with you for any time your child has to wait, like at the doctor's or the dentist.
8. **Read favourites again and again** - Encourage your child to re-read the books and poems they love. Re-reading helps to build fluency and confidence.
9. **Enjoy bedtime stories** - Read with your kids at bedtime as often as you can. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with them.
10. **Make the most of rhyme and repetition** - Books and poems with rhymes and repeated words or phrases are great for getting your kids to join in and remember the words.



What have we been up to this half term?

The Olives - EYFS



What a fantastic week the Olives have had. We are very proud of well the children have settled and are now moving towards building new friendships. This week has seen the start of English and Maths lessons.

In our maths we have been practising our counting and matching skills and in English we have been looking for rhyming words in the story of the Gruffalo. Next week

will be just as exciting as we learn about people who help us. So keep an eye on Class Dojo for further updates.



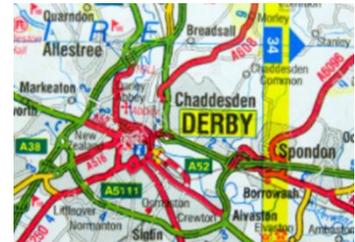
Key Stage 1 - Years 1 & 2



In Year 1, We have been learning about the different animals and fish which live in the sea. In English we used lots of super adjectives to describe the colours of the fish and plants that we could see.

Year 1 are fast becoming experts

when it comes to using maps. We have looked at maps of Derby and located where our school is. We have also looked the different features shown on maps at maps such as beaches and rivers.



Year 2 have been discovering about the Great Fire of London. We began our topic by baking yummy bread just like Thomas Farriner in his Baker's shop.

We have discovered how the fire began and why it spread across London so quickly.

We have also become time detectives looking for evidence of what life was like for people who lived in London at that time.

We are scientists

We are discovering about different materials and are becoming experts at naming which material an object is made from and thinking about its properties, thinking about some great adjectives to describe each material.



Lower Key Stage 2 - Years 3 & 4

It's business as usual in Years 3 and 4, and we've been up to something! Our first few weeks have been full of fun and excitement. In Year 3 we have been learning all about Kenya and our loving our book, Hamdah's Surprise. Our children have really enjoyed our morning wake and shakes and PE lessons!

In Year 4, we have started our new Enterprise, which is all about the Stone Age! We have been learning all about how Stone Age people lived and compared them with our own lives. Our class story, Stone Age Boy, has been enjoyed by everybody and we are in the process of writing a diary entry from the main character's perspective. We'll keep you posted on our progress!

Class Dojo has been alive with happy children, parents and teachers sharing the good news of the day! Make sure you tune in to your child's class every day for tips, tricks, announcements and celebrations. If you have not yet logged in to Dojo, please ask your teacher for your parent code and we'll send one to you straight away!



Upper Key Stage 2 - Years 5 & 6

In Year 5 and 6 this week, we have been up to some really fun-filled and exciting learning this week. Take a look!

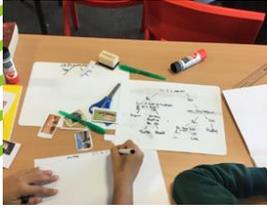
During PE, Year 5 have been spending time in the Olive Tree Arena working on their coordination and ball skills. Lots of team work, perseverance and excitement happening! What a great way to start the year.



In Enterprise lessons, Year 5 have been learning all about the Ancient Egyptians - in particular, they have been researching all about hieroglyphics and the well-known pharaoh of Tutankhamun. To top this off, take a look at the fantastic head-dresses that children designed and created. Amazing!

There were also some fantastic activities happening during Golden Enrichment time last Friday - Mrs Khaliq was carrying out a rather exciting experiment in her class.....involving Skittles! What a fun way to end the week that is!





In our Science lesson this week, we have been mini taxonomists by sorting and classifying animals, based on their characteristics. We were able to work together to create some classification keys. Tricky stuff!

During our Enterprise lessons, we have been learning all about the Victorian Era. In particular, we have researched and discovered facts all about Queen Victoria and her reign. We even learnt about some of the awful and terrible jobs that Victorian children were made to do! To finish the week off, we learnt about LS Lowry, a very famous artist from the Victorian Era. Children re-created some of his paintings.



School Sport

We have wasted no time getting back into things with double PE lessons, playground activities and class-based fitness skills all taking place on a weekly basis. To celebrate this, and to show how much we value our physical activity, last week we had our very first, official "PE Champion" awards presented to various children across the school! This will continue on a weekly basis - so keep an eye out on Class Dojo and Twitter for the announcements and photos!



Another reason to celebrate - we have just been awarded the Derbyshire School Games Recognition Award as a tribute to our school community's commitment towards PE! We know that our children love being active as much as we do, whether that be attending events with school, or accessing PE activities during lockdown - so thank you to all children and adults who helped make that possible!

Dates for your Diary

Meet the Teacher

Week commencing 28th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 25th September

Virtual Parent Forum

Friday 9th October - 1:30pm

Don't forget to connect on Class Dojo.

