



Autumn Term 2 2025

THE DAR-UL-MADINAH BULLETIN

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

PARENT NOTICES

- Homework to be completed on a weekly basis.
- Please ensure you are listening to your child read daily and the reading record needs to be signed too.
- PE is on a Friday. Can all children come in on the day wearing their PE kit.
- 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.
- The school day begins at 8:30 prompt and ends at 3pm prompt. Children must be dropped off and collected on time.
- Term ends Friday 19th December at 12pm

What's coming up in Year 1 & 2...

As we are halfway through the Autumn Term, we wanted to show what our Year 1 & 2 will be learning in both Maths and English. It is going to be a term filled with adventure, growth, learning and a lot of fun!

Maths Highlights:

Number sense: The pupils in Year 1 & 2 will explore concepts such as shapes in various contexts helping them to build a solid foundation for further mathematical concepts. They will gain an understanding of numbers, their relationships as well as how to use them in a range of ways. We aim to build on these concepts further in our Spring Term topics which will consolidate prior learning.

Problem Solving: Through the engaging problem solving and reasoning activities in Maths, pupils in Year 1 & 2 will hone their critical thinking skills. They will tackle challenges both independently and collaboratively through working with their peers. Through these activities pupils will be able to develop their ability to think creatively and approach problems from different angles.

Mathematical Language: We will emphasise the importance of mathematical language and communication skills within our daily Maths sessions in which pupils will be encouraged to articulate their reasoning, justify their answers, and engage in mathematical discussions with their peers.

English Highlights:

Reading Adventures: The pupils in Year 1 & 2 will embark on exciting literary adventures this term through exploring *The Owl Who is Afraid Of The Dark*. They will demonstrate improved fluency, comprehension, and a growing love for reading through the various activities they will complete over the course of the autumn term. We will celebrate their progress and encourage them to continue exploring new stories and authors both in and out of school.

Writing Journeys: The children will enjoy getting to know the characters and themes of the book while developing their own reading and writing skills. Year 1 will focus on building simple sentences, using capital letters and full stops, and beginning to add adjectives to make their writing more interesting. They will also practise retelling parts of the story in their own words. The Year 2 will develop their writing further by using conjunctions, expanded noun phrases, and varied sentence openers. They will write their own non-chronological report based on the book *The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark*.

Highlights from Our Topic:

Engaging Investigations: This term in Geography, we will be exploring the topic "My World and Me." Students will learn about the world around them, starting from their immediate surroundings and gradually widening their understanding to include their local community, their country, and the wider world. We will look at different types of places, how environments can vary, and the ways people interact with and depend on the world around them.

Throughout the unit, children will practise key geographical skills such as using maps, identifying man made and natural features, and describing locations using simple geographical vocabulary. They will also take part in practical activities that help them observe, question, and compare different places. By the end of the topic, students will have a stronger sense of their place in the world and a better understanding of the diverse environments and communities that make our planet so special.

In Design and Technology this term, the children will be working on a fun "Teddy Bears' Picnic" project. They will explore how everyday products are designed and used, looking at different picnic foods, containers, and accessories before creating a picnic-themed item of their own. Through planning, making, and evaluating their designs, pupils will develop key practical skills such as cutting, joining, shaping, and decorating materials. We hope to finish the unit with a teddy bears' picnic to celebrate and showcase their creations.

Our Islamic Studies and Tarbiyyah programme have been filled with inspiring moments of reflection and discovery. Our special focus has been on the life of the Prophet Muhammad Peace be upon him and how we can incorporate his kindness and honesty in our daily lives. The children have also looked at the different names of our Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him. This journey will continue into next term to embody the values of Islam in our students, both inside and outside the classroom.

We are excited to see the growth and achievements our Year 1 & 2 pupils over the course of the Autumn term.

