

NEW BEGINNINGS...

Asslamu alaykum to all the Noor Ul Islam families,

I would like to say *jazaakAllahu khayran* to all the staff, pupils, parents and the governing board for making me feel very welcome in my new role as Headteacher of Noor Ul Islam Primary School.

In a busy half-term, we have welcomed the new Reception class, who have settled in so well as they begin their journey through primary school; we have shared what pupils are learning through the learning plans; the year group meetings with parents have given opportunity to meet the teachers and we are continuing to strengthen the culture of safeguarding through awareness and training on safeguarding and child protection.

I have also been spending time getting to know more of what our staff need, have spent time with pupils including the school council to hear their views, and we have had coffee mornings, one-to-one meetings, regular phone calls and parent survey to hear the views of parents. These have helped us to get to know how well we are doing and to ensure we continue on our journey of improvement Insha'Allah. Our key priorities for the year ahead are:

1. **Quality of Education:** Raise the quality of teaching and learning to provide inspirational opportunities for all pupils to succeed; Develop a coherent curriculum that meets the needs of all pupils;
2. **Behaviour:** Enhance behaviour & attitudes around our values and *tarbiyyah*;
3. **Personal Development:** Expand the cultural capital and enrichment opportunities for all pupils;
4. **Leadership & Management:** Ensure consistency of leadership across the school and improve communication with all stakeholders;
5. **Early years:** Consolidate the teaching of phonics across Reception and Year 1; Improve the continuous and outdoor provision.



Your continued support will be vital moving forward Insha'Allah. Remember us in your duas as always.

Hussain Shefaar,
Headteacher

Important Dates

Meet the Islamic Studies,
Arabic and Quran
teachers
Thu 9 Nov

Open Evening
Thu 9 November

Coffee Morning
(Behaviour focus)
Thu 16 Nov

Academic Review Day &
Parents Evening
Fri 24 November

Sing Children of the
World
Tue 19 and Wed 20
December

End of term, Non-
Uniform and Charity
Bazaar
21 December



RECEPTION~EYFS

Alhumdulillah we are happy to welcome our new Reception Class and parents to the school. The children have settled in very well, and are adjusting to their new routine. Well done Reception! ★★★★★

PHONICS & MATHS

A very important skill we have kickstarted with is practising how to write our names and numbers 1-10. We have also started learning our phonics sounds and develop our numeracy skills.



FINE MOTOR SKILLS

We are developing our fine motor skills, so we are eventually able to write, manipulate objects and strengthen our hand muscles.



PEOPLE WHO HELP US

We are learning about different people who help us in our community. We have already had visits from members of the police and went on our very first trip to the fire station!



ISLAMIC STUDIES

We are learning how to recognise and write our arabic alphabet and new arabic vocabulary. We are also learning our very first duas.



YEAR 1

We have been learning about the different continents and countries in

Geography

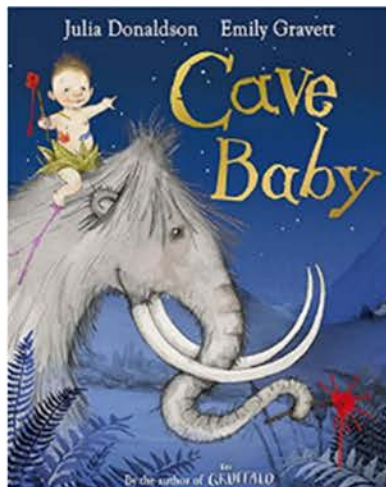


GEOGRAPHY



Some of the countries we learnt about are China, Australia, USA, Kenya, France and Brazil

ENGLISH



In English we have been reading - Cave Baby. We have learnt how to write sentences using capital letters, full stop and finger spaces.

We are recognising and using rhyming words, verbs, adjectives and nouns.

We have been revising our phase 2 phonics sounds



Phonics

We have started learning our digraphs and trigraphs



African Art



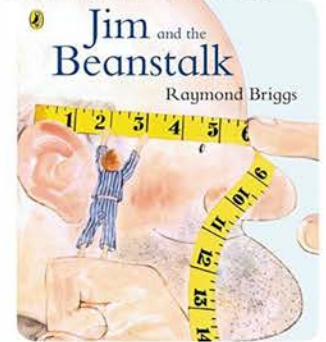
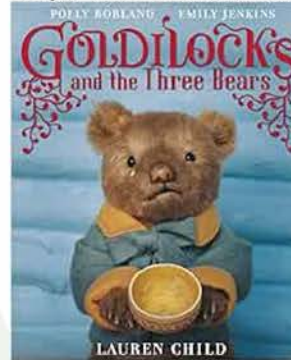
YEAR 2

THIS HALF TERM, WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT

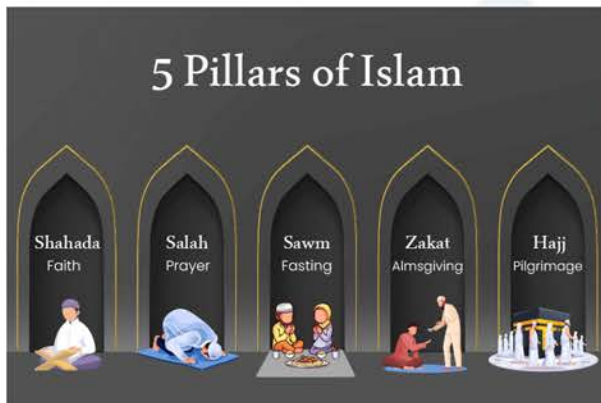
the similarities and differences between
animals and humans.



fictional themes and learning to write our own stories based on these books.

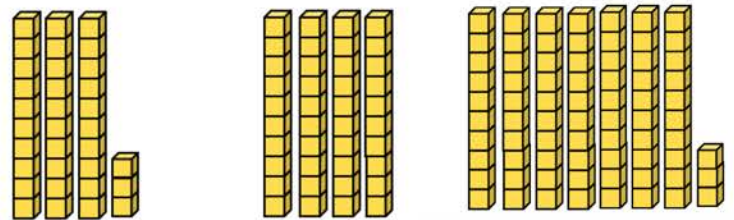


the 5 pillars of Islam.



number bonds to 100.

33 + 40 = 73



painting rainbows and creating
art based on Aboriginal Art.



this history of Bonfire Night.

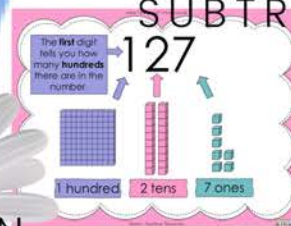


Welcome to Year 3



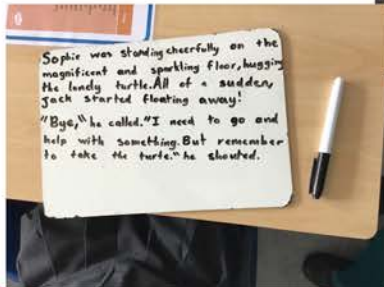
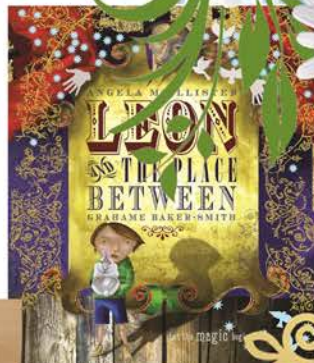
Maths

PLACE VALUE & ADDITION AND
SUBTRACTION



English

LEON AND THE PLACE BETWEEN
& THE HEART IN THE BOTTLE



Foundation

EXPLORING INDIA &
NEW BEGININGS



YEAR 4 MAKKAH

SCIENCE: LIGHT



*We learnt all about light!
From luminous to non-luminous
objects and shadows, we even
created our own silhouettes using
watercolours. It was so much fun!*



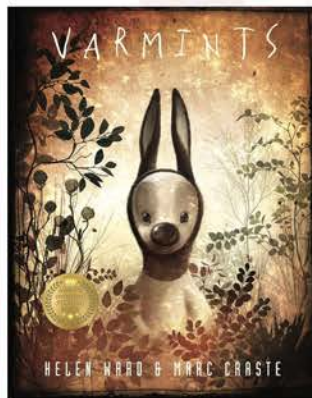
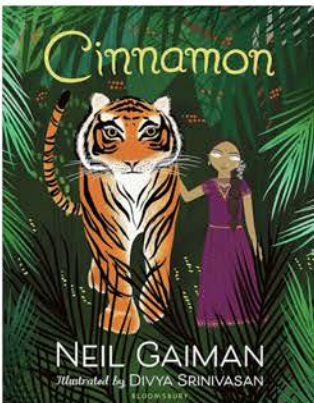
ART:

JEWELLERY



In Art, we looked at different famous jewellery designers. These brooches are inspired by Van Cleefs and Arpels' beautiful designs.

ENGLISH: CINNAMON & VARMINTS



English Learning Outcomes:
Cinnamon - We used reported clauses to create our very own versions of Cinnamon.
Varmints - We are currently in the process of writing our information leaflets. We could tell you all about how to take care of your plant!

Did you know one third of our food come from bees pollinating?



THE POSTAL MUSEUM



Royal Mail

MATHS:

PLACE VALUE / ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION



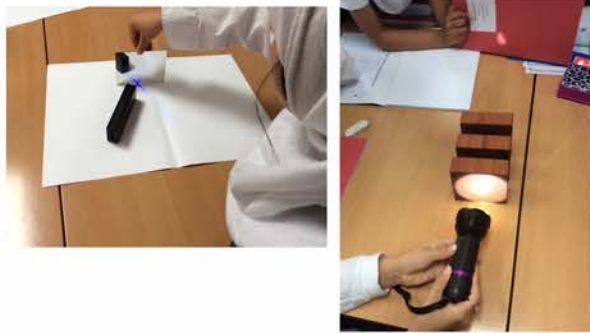
We learnt all about 4-digit numbers. We learnt how to round numbers to 10, 100 and even a 1000. We are currently learning how to add 4-digit numbers with regrouping!

TARBIYYAH VALUES

- Week 1 - Respect (Ihtiraam)
- Week 2 - Honesty (Amaanah)
- Week 3 - Mercy (Rahmah)
- Week 4 - Diversity (Mutafariq)
- Week 5 - Excellence (Ihsaan)
- Week 6 - Wisdom (Hikmah)

SCIENCE - LIGHT

We have been learning all about light – how light travels, luminous & non-luminous objects, the colour spectrum and reflectors.



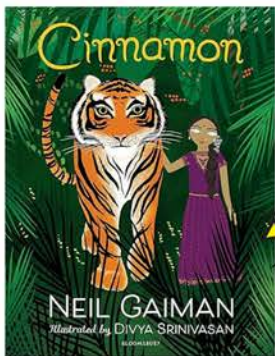
ART - JEWELLERY

We have been busy looking at different types of jewellery, designing clay pendants and making beaded necklaces and bracelets!



ENGLISH - CINNAMON

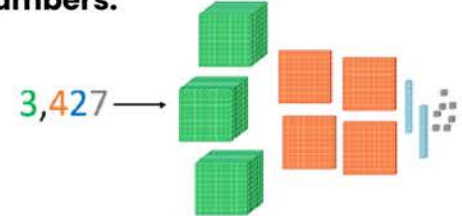
We have been exploring the fairy tale genre, practising homophones, learning onomatopoeias & drafting a story of our own.



MATHS - 4-DIGIT NUMBERS

We have been learning about place value, ordering, comparing and rounding 4-digit numbers.

Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones
Th	H	T	O
4	5	2	8



THE POSTAL MUSEUM

We visited The Postal Museum for a Mail Rail Science Show Exhibition & Workshop. We even had a chance to go on a simulation steam train ride! We had an amazing time Alhumdulillah!



TARBIYYAH

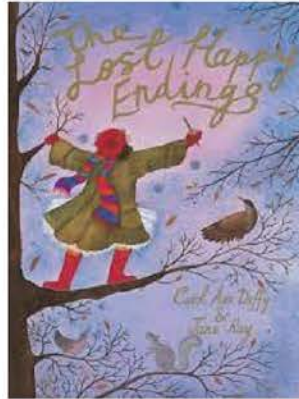
We have had a variety of circle times throughout the term, including lessons from the life of Prophet Nuh (As), the story of the birth of the Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) and the importance of having a growth mindset as a Muslim.

YEAR 5

English

In English we have been diving into an interesting non-fiction genre book. Each child has had the opportunity to broaden their writing skills. We explored different writing styles like article writing, suspense building and biography, their skills have expanded greatly. The challenging task to write biographies sharpened their ability to present facts in an engaging manner.

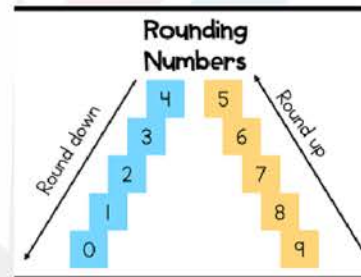
The Man Who Walked Between the Two Towers



We have also been working on creating an effective fairy tale in English. We have been reading "The Lost Happy Ending" and exploring different writing styles such as mood changes and formal investigation reports regarding the stolen sack. By the end of the term, children will be able to create their own engaging fairy tale using advanced sentence structures, vocabulary, and language features appropriate for Year 5 students.

Maths

We have been learning about place value, ordering, comparing and rounding numbers to 1,000,000.



PLACE VALUE CHART
→ ONE TO MILLIONS ←

MILLIONS	HUNDRED THOUSANDS	TEN THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	HUNDREDS	TENS	ONES

Science

In our science lessons, we have been exploring the fascinating topic of light. We have discovered how light travels, the difference between luminous and non-luminous objects, explored the colour spectrum, and learned about the important role reflectors play.

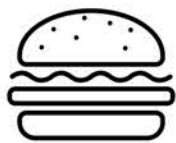


Chinese Art

We have had the incredible opportunity to learn about Chinese art and focus on the amazing topic of the Nine Dragons. We explored how Chinese artists skillfully portrayed dragons in their artwork.



Design & Technology



YEAR 6

Time to enjoy the burgers!



The children explored the nutritional value of different types of burgers. They learnt about the various fillings and designed their own burger. They made their delicious burgers and ate them in class. Ustaad Hussain was our special guest!

Hygiene first! Amara made sure to wash her hands before handling the burgers!



Preparation on the way!!



yum!



Art



Year 6 had a fantastic time designing and making their own T-Shirts. They explored different types of 'Street Art' and many types of stylised graffiti lettering.

Street
ART

GRAFFITI



COFFEE MORNINGS/AFTERNOON & PARENTS FEEDBACK

Alhamdulillah we had a fantastic turnout in both of our coffee morning and afternoon from parents who were very supportive and 'buzzing' with positivity. You had opportunity to meet the new school leadership team and find out how we can work together and how we can all ensure there is a culture of safeguarding at the school.

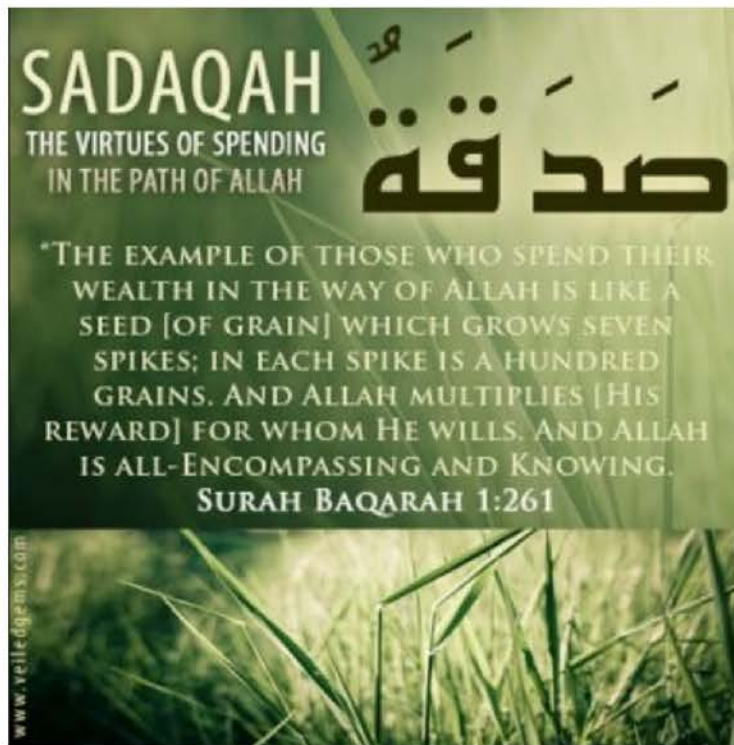


MEET THE TEACHER WITH PARENTS

Thank you to all the parents who joined the **Meet the Teacher** meetings this half term. This was a very successful way for you to know what is happening in the classroom and to ask questions. Please keep engaging with the class teacher and raise any concerns and provide any positive feedback to the class teacher.

TARBIYYAH FOCUS

Charity-Sadaqah



Benefits:

- In Islam, charity can be given in many different forms, including spending your wealth to help the poor.
- Charity can also include doing good deeds to help others, such as removing something harmful, helping someone that is lost or even smiling at someone.
- Charity has many benefits including providing shade on The Day of Judgement, protecting from calamity, extinguishing sins and leading to multiplied rewards.

Targets:

1. Aim to give charity to the needy, perhaps weekly or monthly.
2. Aim to make dua to Al Wahaab, The Bestower, that He blesses you with the ability to help others.
3. Aim to give charity in different ways, what ways can you think of?

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Important Dates



V4 MAKKAH
IBRAHIM BIN SAEF
MARYAM PATEL

V5
ZAYD HASEEB
HAFSA WILSON

V6
AYMAN IBN TAHIR
ZAYNAB BINT SAQIB

Well done to the children who have been voted to represent their class this year as school councillors!

The election was super exciting and everyone was really eager to find out who the winners were. But they had to wait for some of the prefects to count the votes.

The winners were announced in Friday's assembly where the councillors were introduced to the school and presented with their badges.

MaashaAllah, they are keen to get to work on improving the school after our first official school council meeting!



V1
AADAM MALIK
KHADIJAH BHAIMIA

V2
MUHAMMAD ABDURAHMAN
SUMAYYAH JIWANI

V4 MADINAH
ZARA CHOWDHURY
SAFWAAN MAYET

V3
IBRAHIM AHMAD
LANA KHAN



MEET OUR GOVERNORS

The **Governing Board** consists of those appointed by the Noor Ul Islam Trust, parents of pupils currently attending the school, co-opted community governors who do not have children in the school and the Headteacher.

Governors have statutory duties by which they are legally bound. The board is ultimately responsible for all matters relating to the school including teaching and learning, safeguarding, health and safety, staffing, premises and ensuring financial accountability. Governors play a strategic role; the head teacher is responsible for leading the school on a day-to-day basis.

Our duties include:

- **Setting strategic direction, policies and objectives**
- **Approving the school budget**
- **Appointing, challenging and supporting the headteacher**

Governors work closely with the headteacher and the senior leadership team to ensure that the school continues to improve and develop in all facets. Governors do this by working together to develop a long-term vision for the school as well as school development plans.

**MEET GOVERNORS AT
THE NEXT COFFEE
MORNING
16 NOV, 9AM**

Governors	Type of membership	Expertise/Links
Zeenat Ali, Chair of Governors	Co-opted/Trust governor	Expertise: Teaching and Learning <i>Link: Governance, Admissions, Curriculum and SEND</i>
Usman Vawda, Deputy Chair	Co-opted/Trust Governor	Expertise: Accountancy & Finance <i>Link: Finance and Fees</i>
Hussain Shefaar	Headteacher	N/A
Shazia Imtiaz	Community/Parent governor	Expertise: pharmacy technician and Business IT <i>Link: Complaints, attendance & punctuality</i>
Afshan Killedar	Parent Governor	Expertise: GP; Health. <i>Link: Safeguarding</i>
Fakruz Zaman	Parent Governor	Expertise: Public policy and strategy; leadership and management <i>Link: Recruitment, SCR, Islamic ethos</i>
Sami Urrehman	Co-opted/Community Governor	Expertise: Technical Client Manager; IT/HR/H&S; Vice Chair of Governors at Walthamstow Girls School <i>Link: Health & Safety</i>

Should you wish to contact a governor, you can do so through the school's office or email the school addressing the governors.



SAFE ONLINE



Hello, it's Safe Online here. Before you get started on the internet, let me tell you a couple of tips about staying safe.

Hello Safe Online! Yes, please let me know what I can do to stay safe online and protected whilst browsing the internet.



Great! Let's get started!

1. Inform a trusted person when you are going to use the internet and what websites you will be using

Yes. definitely. My parents already know that I will be using the internet today.



Excellent!

2. Never speak to anyone you don't know or give out your personal information online and definitely don't meet them!

Thank you for that! What else can I do to stay safe?



3. Do not trust everything people say online as not everything online is reliable.

I understand. I will always speak to an adult if I come across anything unkind.



Well Done!

4. Report anything that you find upsetting or distressing to a trusted adult so they can investigate it.

Thank you for all your tips Safe Online!



Glad to be of service! Have fun and stay safe and protected!

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS



Club	Days
Kickboxing	Tues
Calligraphy	Wed

JUMU'AH GOLDEN TIME!

After half term, we are starting a new initiative: each class teacher will run activities where children from different classes can attend.

To encourage the communal spirit and to enhance our love for the Prophet (S), we will be running weekly Seerah sessions prior to the commencement of the activities.

Over the year, they will get the opportunity to take part in a variety of experiences as part of our enrichment programme.

WEEKLY SEERAH SESSIONS

KS1
SPANISH
ARTS & CRAFT
COMPUTING

KS2
FRENCH
BOARD GAMES
THINKING SKILLS
NASHEED CLUB

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

Dates

STARS OF THE WEEK:

Reception: Saalim Qureshi

Year 1: Maryam Khalid

Year 2: Abubakr Mushtaq

Year 3: Aameena Afzal

Year 4 Madinah: Zara Chowdury

Year 4 Madinah: Ahnaf Kabir

Year 5: Nuh Omer

Year 6: Maryam Mufti

TARBIYYAH ACHIEVEMENT:

Reception: Zubayr Zaman

Year 1: Salman Paknahad

Year 2: Asiya Panchbhaya

Year 3: Sakeenah Bhaimia

Year 4 Madinah: Ana Salas Carrillo

Year 4 Madinah: Nusaiba Bint-Hamim

Year 5: Sakeena Mushtaq

Year 6: Aaishah Hafeji

Decorating Our School:

Thanks to brother Gul for supporting with the the fantastic paint work including the new colour in the hall that we really like. More to come including new boards, classroom painting during half term so children have a brighter learning environment insha Allah.



COMPETITION

500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition

This fabulous competition is now opened for submissions and will run till Friday 10 November.

Since the competition was first launched in 2011, it has received over one million stories from children throughout the UK.

We would like to encourage all our children to take part and in the process, develop a love for writing, without having to worry too much about spelling, grammar and punctuation. Just use your imagination and creativity and produce something wonderful!

This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds.

The judges will be casting their expert eyes over the final 50 stories.



Prizes!

50 finalists, along with their parents or carers, will be invited to attend a grand final next February at Buckingham Palace!. Not only will the bronze, silver and gold winners of each age group have their stories read by celebrities, but the event will be shown on a special 500 Words programme with the The One Show, on World Book Day on 7 March 2024. All the finalists will receive a £20 National Book Token and their stories will be recorded and published on our website.

The winners in each category will receive an array of prizes. As well as their stories being read out by celebrities, they will all receive a bundle of books.

- The 2 gold winners will receive the height of Sir Lenny Henry in books and their schools will receive 500 Books
- The 2 silver winners will receive the height of Her Majesty, Queen Camilla in books
- The 2 bronze winners will receive the average height of a 7 or 11 year old in books

Please visit the website for more information.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

How to enter



Submissions are now open for the competition.

If you are an adult, please click here to sign-up to submit the story. Please note all stories must be typed and submitted by an adult through our website, as we can only accept story entries that have been submitted through our website.

If stories are submitted by a teacher, they must have the permission of the child's parent or guardian.

The children need to be living in the UK and the correct age for the relevant category on Friday 10 November when the competition closes.

JazaakAllah khayr to our lovely parent, Sr Masuma Zaman, for bringing this competition to our attention!

Get writing! All the best!



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

AUTUMN TERM 1

Attendance

Rank	Class	%
1st	Year 3	97
2nd	Year 6	96.6
3rd	Year 5	96.1
4th	Year 4 Madinah	95.3
5th	Year 4 Makkah	94.4
6th	Year 1	93.3
7th	Year 2	93.1
8th	Reception	87.7

Punctuality

Rank	Class	%
1st	Year 4 Madinah	99.7
2nd	Year 5	98.8
3rd	Year 6	98.71
4th	Year 3	98.69
5th	Year 2	98.33
6th	Year 1	98.26
7th	Year 4 Makkah	97.7
8th	Reception	97.3

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Are you worried about somebody or something?

You can speak to any adult about anything that's worrying you. The following adults have the special job of keeping you safe.

**Hawa
Moreea**

Designated
Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)

**Hussain
Shefaar**

Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)

**Dr Afshan
Killedar**

Safeguarding
Governor

Imrana Naz

Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)

**Nusrat
Abdoola**

Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)

**"Every one of you is a shepherd and everyone is responsible for his flock."
(Prophet Muhammad, Bukhari)**

Noor ul Islam Primary School **OPEN EVENING**

For children starting in
September 2024



Parents and carers
are warmly invited to
our **Open Evening** for
children starting
Reception in
September 2024

Thursday 9th November 2023
4.30pm–6.30pm



020 8558 8765



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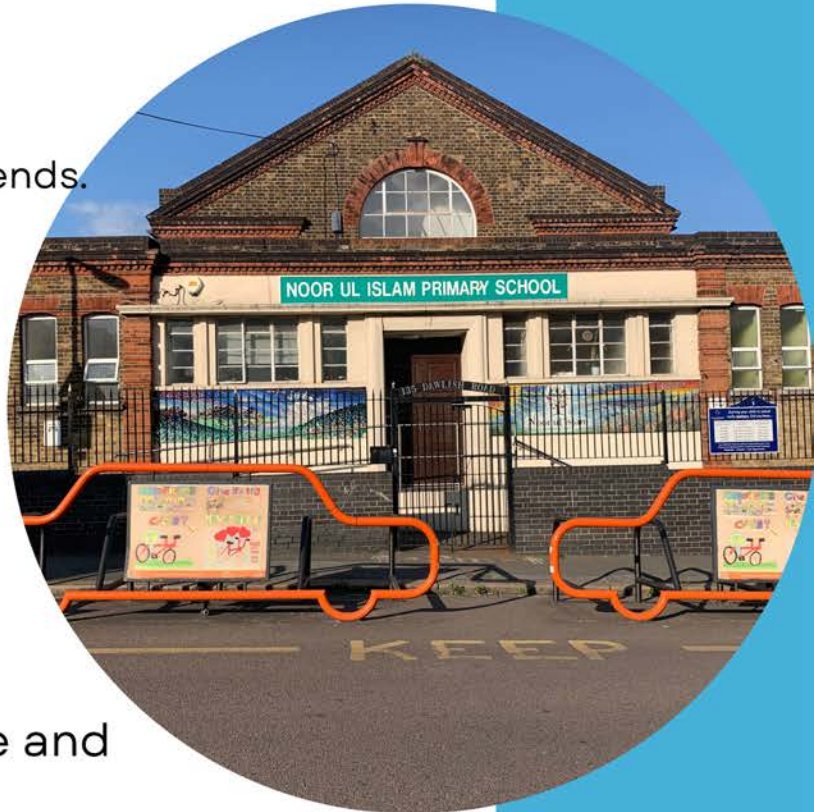


CARETAKER AND MAINTENANCE OFFICER - PART TIME

We are looking for someone who will take pride in our school and ensure that the environment is safe, clean, tidy and attractive for children, staff and families. The role will require you to have excellent practical skills and experience of using your own initiative. Part of your responsibilities requires you to be a friendly face to welcome our pupils and families to school. We are therefore looking for someone who is approachable, will be embracing our community and its Islamic ethos, reliable and trustworthy.

You should be able and willing to work overtime when required such as weekends.

- ✓ Mon-Fri: core hours 7.30am & 3pm. The rest are negotiable (up to 30 hours)
- ✓ start date: January 2024/negotiable
- ✓ Salary subject to experience and competitive
- ✓ **How to Apply:** Please complete the application form on the website and return to primary.school@noorulislam.org.uk by **Thu 16 Nov**. We do not accept CV, so you must fill in our application form.



MISSION & VALUES

Our mission is to inspire our students to achieve excellence in their learning and Islamic character, enriching and serving wider society.

Our Tree of Values

