

## Our CURRICULUM

At Dame Janet Primary Academy our children are at the center of everything. Teachers provide stimulating learning experiences which provide purpose and work towards our goal of creating learners for life.

### Writing

Writing is an opportunity for children to express themselves, be creative, share ideas, opinions and show their true self. At DJPA, we use high quality texts to ensure that the use of the spoken and written word develops a high level of vocabulary within a context that children can use daily.

Our writing lessons are linked closely to our 'Read, Lead, Succeed' lessons which enable children to become life-long readers and competent writers.

Our teachers plan lessons in a progressive manner which are directly tailored to the needs and interests of our children.



### Reading

At DJPA, we value the importance of sharing texts through all subjects. In KS2, we teach our children the reading skills they need through our Read, Lead, Succeed lessons. When teaching the acquisition of new reading skills, we understand that quality whole class teacher talk and the modelling of reading strategies is of utmost importance. Within Year R, Year 1 and Year 2, we have adopted the 'Read Write Inc' approach to teaching synthetic phonics. This approach allows us to create fluent, enthusiastic readers, confident speakers and willing writers.



We use 'Accelerated Reader' to promote reading for pleasure and to assess progress amongst children which challenges, extends and enriches the way children think about reading.

### Maths

At DJPA, we have adopted the Mathematics Mastery approach to teaching maths. We value the importance of children acquiring a wide base of mathematical language to broaden and deepen understanding of mathematical concepts.

We recognise that reasoning is a strong thread that is vitally woven through our curriculum; DJPA children are given daily opportunities to reason particularly through their discussions with peers and adults.

We value the research that shows Mathematics Mastery allows children to develop a deep understanding of mathematics concepts.



### Project Learning

Our Project Learning, at DJPA, is taught through a topic based approach where subjects are linked to an overall theme.

Hook events, a topic purpose and exit points/ events are planned in to each topic giving our children an immersive, well-rounded approach to their learning.

Learning is shared with other classes, year groups and parents at the end of topics.

Our project lessons challenge conventional ways of learning and allow our children to develop a deep and critical way of thinking.

