

**Curriculum Newsletter for Parents**  
**Spring term 2026**  
**Nazareth Rooms**







Children's learning in Nazareth Rooms will be tailored to meet their specific needs.

Children will all follow the same theme; however, provision will be different or adapted. There will be regular opportunities for retrieval as we firmly believe that if the children and us can see that their fluency and mastery is improving then we can truly see the impact we are having.

The learning noted below covers the broad spectrum of abilities in Nazareth Rooms.

**From January until February half-term our topic is 'People Who Help Us/ Famous People'**

**After half-term until the end of term at Easter our topic will be 'Instructions'**

Curriculum areas	As part of our themed work children will learn:
<b>Personal and Social skills</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The importance of kindness, respect and following our Nazareth Room rules.</li> <li>Respecting others</li> <li>Treating our shared environment and belongings with respect.</li> <li>Following Nazareth Room daily routines including at playtimes and lunchtimes.</li> <li>The importance of sharing and taking turns</li> <li>How to make independent choices</li> <li>How to form good relationships and the importance of including others in play i.e. sharing.</li> <li>How to best communicate with peers.</li> <li>How to adjust behaviour to different situations and adapt to a new routine.</li> </ul>
<b>Physical Development</b>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to use classroom equipment safely.</li> <li>Personal hygiene - eg the importance of washing hands frequently and before eating</li> <li>To develop cutting skills - how to hold and use scissors.</li> <li>To complete jigsaws.</li> <li>To use a knife and fork, brush my teeth and to feed myself as independently as possible.</li> <li>To hold a pencil correctly.</li> <li>How to form letters correctly.</li> <li>How to write my name.</li> <li>About healthy food and how to keep healthy</li> <li>Independently drink water and help myself to a snack</li> <li>To tell an adult when I am feeling hungry or tired.</li> <li>To tell an adult if I am hot and to know what to do to cool myself.</li> <li>About parts of the body</li> <li>To dress and undress</li> <li>Working on bespoke life skills targets.</li> </ul>
<b>Communication – speaking and listening</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reciting and singing a range of rhymes and songs</li> <li>Following instructions e.g. to put away or to get an object</li> <li>To take turns when talking with others.</li> <li>To listen carefully to what others have to say and to think of an answer or give an opinion.</li> <li>Answering who, what, why, where, when questions</li> <li>Phonics- see below</li> <li>Working on bespoke speech and language targets.</li> </ul>

## Literacy – phonics and reading



Some examples of  
the stories we will  
be reading:

Selection of fiction  
and non fiction  
books

Look at different  
photos of people  
who help us, what  
are their  
jobs/roles? What  
do they do in their  
job/role (caption)?

Write a list of  
people who help us.  
Little leaders bold  
women in black  
history and little  
leaders exceptional  
men in black history  
by Vashti Harrison  
(D)

How to Be  
Extraordinary by  
Rashmi  
Sirdeshpande &  
Annabel  
Tempest(D)

Following a  
practical  
experience, write  
up the  
instructions for a  
simple recipe/how  
to do something

Spelling,  
Punctuation and  
Grammar  
(SPaG)

- Phase 2 (when the children are confident with these we introduce the sounds from Phases 3 and 4).
- How to **blend** letter sounds together to read short words.
- How to **segment** letter sounds – saying the sounds we can hear in 3 (or more) letter words.

Topics:

**Spring 1 - People Who Help Us/ Famous People'**

What might this look like?

- *Create an information booklet.*
- *Explore a famous person and create a report about this person's life.*
- *Draw pictures to illustrate the information.*
- *Combine labels and captions*
- *Explore a famous person and create a report about this person's life.*
- *Hot seat/ role play*
- *What would I do if I was famous?*

**Spring 2- Instructions**

What might this look like?

- *Write a series of fiction and nonfiction instructions. E.g. How to...e.g.*
- *How to make a sandwich*
- *How to cross the road*
- *How to ask to play with a friend*
- *How to play a game*
- *How to say sorry*
- *Write and evaluate a*
- *range of instructions*

## Handwriting

**We will continue to develop:**

- Hand-eye co-ordination
- Hand Strength
- Hand Manipulations
- Grasps and Releases
- Pencil grip
- Pencil Control Skills
- Name writing
- Drawing Skills
- Letter (small and capital)
- Number Formation
- Joined Writing.

**We continue to focus on previous SPaG and we will also be learning about:**


**Spring 1**

**SPaG New:**

- Joining words (AND/BUT)
- Capital letters for days of the week
- PLURALS:-s and -es

**Continue with:**

- Daily phonics groups
- Sequencing
- Composing simple sentences
- Finger spaces
- Use of capital letters and full stops

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using capital letters for names and I</li> <li>• Nouns/ Pronouns</li> <li>• Forming capitals</li> </ul> <p><b>Spring 2</b>  <b>SPaG New:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using the simple past tense</li> <li>• Question marks</li> <li>• Capital letters for months of the year</li> </ul> <p><b>Continue with:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily phonics groups</li> <li>• Sequencing</li> <li>• Composing simple sentences</li> <li>• Finger spaces</li> <li>• Use of capital letters and full stops</li> <li>• Using capital letters for names and I</li> <li>• Nouns/ Pronouns</li> <li>• Forming capitals</li> <li>• Joining words (AND/BUT)</li> <li>• Capital letters for days of the week</li> <li>• PLURALS:-s and -es</li> </ul> <p><b>Challenges to extend</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Formation of nouns using suffixes such as -ness, -er</li> <li>•Formation of adjectives using suffixes such as -ful, -less</li> <li>•Use of the suffixes -er and -est to form comparisons of adjectives and adverbs</li> <li>•Subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co- ordination (using or, and, or but)</li> <li>•Expanded noun phrases for description and specification (e.g. the blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon)</li> <li>•Sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command</li> <li>•Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing</li> <li>•Use of the continuous form of verbs in the present and past tense to mark actions in progress (e.g. she is drumming, he was shouting)</li> <li>•Use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences</li> <li>•Commas to separate items in a list</li> </ul> <p>Apostrophes to mark contracted forms in spelling</p>
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> 	<p><b>Number Shape Space Measures (Children working at EYFS level)</b>  <b>Spring 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playing with shapes and making arrangements with objects.</li> <li>• Shapes in the environment.</li> <li>• Sorting and matching objects or picture e.g. pairs, all the blue ones etc</li> <li>• Talk about the shape of everyday objects e.g. round tall</li> <li>• Repeating patterns. E.g. socks on a line, hand claps,, music beats,, sponge prints.</li> <li>• Construction activities. Join or stack objects</li> <li>• Selects a described shape e.g. round , straight</li> <li>• Select a named shape.</li> <li>• 2D shapes</li> <li>• Recognise create and describe patterns.</li> <li>• Big and small</li> <li>• Match big and small objects. E.g. place big balls with other big balls.</li> <li>• Forwards backwards. Moving on request, board game. Read and write numbers from 1 to (20) in numerals (and words)</li> </ul> <p><b>Continue with Au 1 and 2 work</b></p>

## Spring 2

- Search for objects that have gone out of sight.
- Sequence 2,3 or 4 photos or symbols
- Searching for objects in their usual place.
- .Bigger smaller
- Compare size of objects when difference is not great e.g. Russian dolls.
- Time [for example, quicker, slower, earlier, later]
- One more.
- One less.
- Manipulate 2D/3D shapes e.g. puzzles, shape sorter
- Build with shapes, role play, rolling a tube in a race.
- Pick out shapes with common features.
- Order and sequence familiar events.
- Heavier lighter
- Order 2 items by heavy light
- Mass/weight [for example, heavy/light, heavier than, lighter than]
- Simple problem solving; is there a knife for every fork.

**Continue with Au 1/2 work**

## Children working at National Curriculum level

### Spring 1

- Number and Place Value

*count to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number	*count in steps of 2, 3, and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forward and backward	□ count from 0 in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100; find 10 or 100 more or less than a given number
*count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals; count in multiples of twos, fives and tens	*recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones)	□ recognise the place value of each digit in a three-digit number (hundreds, tens, ones)
*given a number, identify one more and one less identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least	*identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations, including the number line	□ compare and order numbers up to 1000
*Read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words.	*compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100; use <, > and = signs	□ identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations
	*read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and in words	□ read and write numbers up to 1000 in numerals and in words
	*use place value and number facts to solve problems.	□ solve number problems and practical problems involving these ideas.

- Measurement: Money

and know the value of different denominations of coins and notes	□recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p); combine amounts to make a particular value □find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money □solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money of the same unit, including giving change	□ add and subtract amounts of money to give change, using both £ and p in practical contexts
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- Place Value: Multiplication and Division

•solve one-step problems involving multiplication and division, by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and	recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication	•recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables
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arrays with the support of the teacher.	<p>tables, including recognising odd and even numbers</p> <p>*calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (<math>\times</math>), division (<math>\div</math>) and equals (=) signs</p> <p>*show that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of one number by another cannot</p> <p>*solve problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods, and multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts.</p>	<p>•write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know, including for two-digit numbers times one digit numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods</p> <p>•write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know, including for two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods</p> <p>•solve problems, including missing number problems, involving multiplication and division, including positive integer scaling problems and correspondence problems in which n objects are connected to objects</p>
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## Spring 2

### • Place Value: Addition and Subtraction

<p>□ read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs</p> <p>□ represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20</p> <p>□ add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero</p> <p>□ solve one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems such as <math>7 = ? - 9</math>.</p>	<p>solve problems with addition and subtraction:</p> <p>□ using concrete objects and pictorial representations, including those involving numbers, quantities and measures</p> <p>□ applying their increasing knowledge of mental and written methods</p> <p>□ recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently, and derive and use related facts up to 100</p> <p>□ add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ a two-digit number and ones</li> <li>□ a two-digit number and tens</li> <li>□ two two-digit numbers</li> <li>□ adding three one-digit numbers</li> </ul> <p>□ show that addition of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and subtraction of one number from another cannot</p> <p>□ recognise and use the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction and use this to check calculations and solve missing number problems.</p>	<p>□ add and subtract numbers mentally, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ a three-digit number and ones</li> <li>□ a three-digit number and tens</li> <li>□ a three-digit number and hundreds</li> </ul> <p>□ add and subtract numbers with u to three digits, using formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction</p> <p>□ estimate the answer to a calculation and use inverse operations to check answers</p> <p>□ solve problems, including missing number problems, using number facts, place value, and more complex addition and subtraction.</p>
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### • Geometry: Properties of Shapes

<p>□ recognise and name common 2-D and 3-D shapes, including:</p> <p>□ 2-D shapes [for example, rectangles (including squares), circles and triangles]</p> <p>□ 3-D shapes [for example, cuboids (including cubes), pyramids and spheres].</p>	<p>□ identify and describe the properties of 2-D shapes, including the number of sides and line symmetry in a vertical line</p> <p>□ identify and describe the properties of 3-D shapes, including the number of edges, vertices and faces</p>	<p>□ draw 2-D shapes and make 3-D shapes using modelling materials; recognise 3-D shapes in different orientations and describe them</p> <p>□ recognise angles as a property of shape or a description of a turn</p> <p>□ identify horizontal and vertical lines and pairs of perpendicular and parallel lines.</p>
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	•describe position, direction and movement, including whole, half, quarter and three-quarter turns.	□identify 2-D shapes on the surface of 3-D shapes [for example, a circle on a cylinder and a triangle on a pyramid] compare and sort common 2-D and 3-D shapes and everyday objects. order and arrange combinations of mathematical objects in patterns and sequences	
	• Fractions		
	□recognise, find and name a half as one of two equal parts of an object, shape or quantity recognise, find and name a quarter as one of four equal parts of an object, shape or quantity.	*Recognise, find, name and write fractions , , and of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity  •write simple fractions e.g. $\frac{1}{2}$ of $6 = 3$ and recognise the simple equivalence	count up and down in tenths; recognise that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts and in dividing one-digit numbers or quantities by 10 □ recognise, find and write fractions of a discrete set of objects: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators □ recognise and use fractions as numbers: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators □ recognise and show, using diagrams, equivalent fractions with small denominators □ add and subtract fractions with the same denominator within one whole □ compare and order unit fractions, and fractions with the same denominators □ solve problems that involve all of the above.

**Nazareth Room staff:**

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ARP Manager- (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

Miss Doe

Class Teacher- (Monday, Tuesday , Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

Our Teaching Assistants are:

Ms Bombi

Ms Shahzad

Ms Brown

- **Please send in your child's reading record, reading book and Home-School book every day.**
- We may need to write a message in your child's Home-School book so please check this every night.
- **Homework-** We ask that you read with your child every night and record in your child's reading record and also for your child to complete the work set in their purple homework book.

Thank you