# Specialist-Led Learning

**Expert teaching, Richer Learning**

Alongside their class teacher, children learn with specialist staff across our wider curriculum.



### Ridwan – Computing



Developing digital communication and creation skills through iMedia - iCommunicate.



### Jack – PE



Developing basketball skills including control, movement, passing and teamwork.



### Dan – Music



Exploring songwriting with glockenspiels through rhythm, melody and performance.

## Every Day Counts

**Aim for 96%+ attendance**

*In Year 1, every day matters. Regular attendance helps children keep up with phonics, build friendships and grow in confidence.*

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# Learning Conversations at Home

You can support your child by talking with them about what they have been learning during the day or week. You do not need to know the answers — showing an interest, asking questions and encouraging them to explain their thinking helps them make connections and remember their learning.

## Questions you could ask:

- What did you learn today?
- What was the most interesting thing you found out?
- What new word did you learn?
- What did you find tricky?
- Can you teach me something you learned?

## Key Vocabulary to Revisit

Windrush • generation • belonging • timeline • health • balanced • mosque • prayer

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Together Everyone Achieves More

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# Leo Class

## Curriculum Newsletter



# Autumn Term

Halley Primary School
Including all learners achieving their best

# Leo Curriculum Newsletter, Autumn 2026

## English

Children will explore Billy and the Beast, Last Stop on Market Street and Caribbean Dozen. They will describe characters, retell and create stories, write about acts of kindness and explore rhyming poetry linked to the Caribbean and Windrush.

## Science

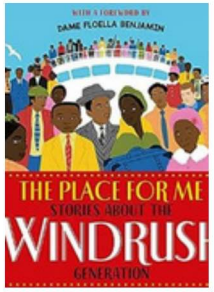
**Big Question:** What do humans need to stay healthy? Children will learn about healthy diets, different foods and caring for their teeth, while developing simple scientific enquiry skills.

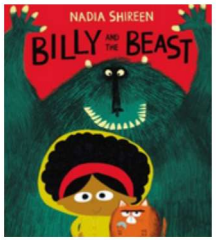
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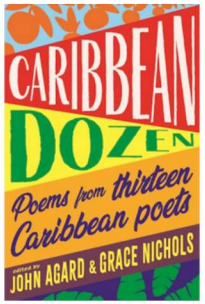
**Belonging • Bravery • Building a New Life**

Children will explore the story of the Windrush Generation, using photographs, videos and drama to find out about the past. They will create a timeline, recount events and learn about David Lammy and how he supported people affected by the Windrush scandal.

## Reading




***APlace for Me:*** Dame Floella Benjamin

***Billy and the Beast*** by Nadia Shireen

***Caribbean Dozen*** by John Agard & Grace Nicholas

Reading is at the heart of our curriculum. Children develop their reading through guided and whole-class reading, using books matched to their reading level. Through rich stories, shared reading, English texts and story time, they build fluency, vocabulary and comprehension and learn to talk confidently about what they have read.

## Changing the World

**The Windrush Generation: Why did people choose to come to Britain?**

## Art with Renata



Inspired by Joan Miró, children will explore lines, shapes and primary colours. They will experiment with different brushes and painting techniques to create their own large-scale artwork.

## Religious Education

**Big Question:** Who is a Muslim and what do they believe? Children will explore Muslim beliefs about God, Prophet Muhammad, prayer and holy words. They will learn about the mosque as a special place of worship and explore the importance of Eid-ul-Fitr.

## Maths

Children will strengthen their understanding of place value before moving on to addition and subtraction. They will represent, compare and order numbers and develop confidence using different strategies to solve calculations and problems.

## Personal Social Health Education

Children will learn about their rights, how to play and work well together, and what to do if they experience hurtful behaviour.

Resilient ★ Ambitious ★ Healthy ★ Creative ★ Confident ★ Independent ★ Respect