



PUTTING THE FUN BACK  
INTO LEARNING!

April 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to term 3, how quickly the year is passing! Target setting parent's meetings will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 4:30pm to 7pm. Please complete the form you will be receiving indicating your preferred timings. We look forward to sharing your child's achievements with you at this meeting and their next steps in learning.

### International Day

Thank you for your contributions to International Day last month and your attendance at this successful event. The children enjoyed celebrating the different nationalities represented at Al Basma.



### Al Basma Reads and World Book Day

The children really enjoyed the focus on reading for Al Basma Reads and World Book Day. Thank you for your support with the wonderful costumes for World Book Day. The children also had a fantastic time visiting the Book Fair with many of them purchasing books which will continue to develop their love of reading.



### Bug Club

Please use the login provided to access Bug Club to support your child as they develop their reading and comprehension skills. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you require any support with this. <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>



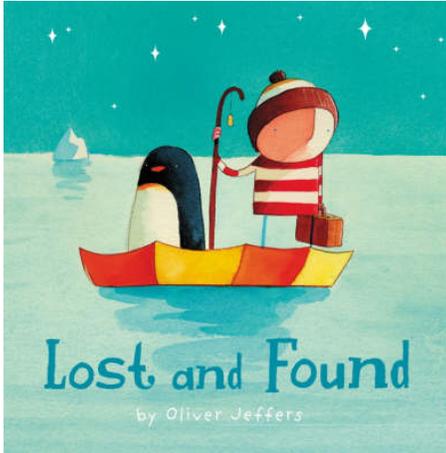
### Stationery

Please ensure your child has the listed basic stationery in a named pencil case throughout term 3 as this is a barrier to learning for many children. Some children will also require a new writing book or maths book. The cost of this is 10 AED a book. Please send this in a labelled envelope inside the communication book and the homeroom teacher will purchase the book for your child and deliver it to them.

Pencil case items:

- HB pencil
- 35gm glue stick
- 12 colouring pencils
- Black whiteboard marker
- 30cm ruler
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener

## English



**In English**, we will be focusing on the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers.

There once was a boy... and one day a penguin arrives on his doorstep. The boy decides to take the penguin home himself, and they set out in his row boat on a journey to the South Pole. But when they get there, the boy discovers that maybe home wasn't what the penguin was looking for after all...

Please encourage your child to tell you about the story each day and what they have learnt. The children will continue to develop their prediction skills and explain why they think this will happen next. They will be identifying key facts from the story and

sequencing the events which will be used to create a story map which will help them to retell the story in order. Using their phonic skills the children will be developing their writing skills by using adjectives and connectives and using these to describe the characters and settings within the story.

## Maths

**In Maths this month** we will be focusing on number, addition and subtraction.

In the first week the children will be focusing on counting forwards and backwards from zero and any number up to and over 100. Children find crossing the tens barrier particularly difficult especially when counting backwards so please try to focus on this at home. This can be done while walking or climbing stairs or counting objects. The children will continue to practice writing numbers in numerals and words to at least twenty. As part of this unit consolidation of one more and one less will be developed to improve fluency.

Within addition and subtraction the focus will be on adding and subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers to 20 and beyond. A focus on problem solving will be key to this unit to develop a deeper understanding of using and applying numbers. This will include practical problems, word problems and missing number questions. Please help to develop your child's understanding by asking simple problems at home as part of everyday life.

## Science



This month in science we will be continuing our work on plants and plant growth. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching their bean grow and the investigation and discussion which took place around that process. The focus will move onto learning about different types of plants including wild plants and garden plants and deciduous and evergreen trees.

The children will learn about the four seasons and how they are different including the varying weather and length of day.

## Topic

This month the children will be beginning their topic on 'Toys'. The children will begin by relating the topic to themselves by talking about their favourite toy and why it is their favourite. The focus of this topic will be history and the children will begin to learn about toys in the past and how they are similar and different to those of today. They will then investigate toys around the world and investigate if they are similar or different to what they are used to and why.

**Websites** - Below are some useful websites which you can use at home. There are lots of games which you could play together with your child, to consolidate our Maths and English learning.

### **Phonics/ English**

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk> (user name and password required from school – Bug Club)

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play/>

### **Maths**

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/addition-and-subtraction>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/>

<http://www.ictgames.com/numberFacts.htm>

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Many thanks for your support.

The KG2 team.