



First, we would like to welcome all the new and returning children to Albasma British School. We hope you all enjoyed a good and restful summer Holiday!

We will be preparing and sending out a monthly newsletter. This is to keep you informed of what your child will be learning through the month and also how you can partner in their learning at home. In the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, partnership with parents is paramount. You, as their primary carers know them much better than we do and so your contribution in this way is invaluable to their learning and development.

CURRICULUM

As you already know, the British Early Years Curriculum is the Early Years Foundation Stage (*Please see accompanying brochure*). This month, we have planned learning activities in the Seven (7) areas of learning around our medium term plan Theme “**Ourselves**”.

Within this we will be learning about; our emotions, birthdays, families and our home. Please encourage children to use full sentences when discussing these at home. For Example:

- My name is Sultan.
- I am four years old.
- My birthday is in August.
- I have one sister and one brother.

Mathematics:

This month we will be focusing on Numbers. Children will be learning how to recite and recognize numbers up to 10. Below, are two websites that may be helpful with counting and number recognition at home?

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

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

Literacy:

This month children will be exploring rhyme in spoken words. They will be focusing on listening and joining in with key phrases in stories.

Children will also be focusing on their own name recognition by use of self-registration name tags.

Phonics:

Phonics is a way of teaching children to read quickly and skillfully. Children’s achievements in reading and writing start with an ability to speak and listen. We will be following the Letters and Sounds phonics program linked with the Jolly Phonics songs.

a. Phase 1:

Children will be focusing on using their listening skills by exploring sounds in the environment and matching rhyming words during story time.

b. Phase 2:

We will be starting to learn the first set of sounds from phase 2 phonics this month. Children will learn the sound, the name of the letter and will begin to practice writing it. This will be done through many creative and fun ways of forming the letters e.g.; in the sand, using paint, glitter, shaving foam etc.

For further information and resources to help; <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com>

Link to Jolly phonics songs: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCjYB07aSU>

With the next newsletter, we will include more information on phonics.

OTHER POINTS TO NOTE

School Day:

The school starts at 8am and finishes at 11:30am. This as you already know from the principals update is due to change from the **27th of September**, when the school day will extend to 2.30pm. This will give us enough time in the day to deliver the EYFS, a very demanding curriculum, properly.

Please ensure that your child is on time every morning after a good night's sleep and provided with a healthy lunch and snack. Please remember that we are a **nut-free** school.

Uniform:

Ensure that your child wears their full school uniform every day. Please provide at least **one change of clothing** including underwear in case of any accidents.

Communication:

If you need to communicate with your child's teacher or with the Head of KG1/FS1:

- Telephone the school and book an appointment that is convenient to both of you.
- Your children have been issued with a contact book. Please use these for any needed daily communication with the teacher. It is important that you check these diaries and sign them every day to facilitate good partnership. Also, please ensure that your child brings it to school every day.
- Send an email. The email addresses are listed below.

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Ms. Janine: K1- JA janine@albasmaschool.ae

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Ms. Sagal: K1-SA sagal@albasmaschool.ae

Ms. Jayne: AVP Early Years jayne@albasmaschool.ae

Please note that the class names have changed from KG1 A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H to K1 followed by the first two letters of the class teacher's first name.

Happy September to you all!