



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those who came to discuss their child's targets with the homeroom teacher at Parent's Evening. Some of you were also able to meet with your child's streamed teacher for Maths and/or English. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's streamed teacher or homeroom teacher if you have any concerns regarding their targets. We will be more than happy to answer any queries.

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Curriculum

English – We will continue to look at adventure stories for the first 2 weeks in May, before moving on to the non-fiction genre of Persuasion. We will be focussing on the features of persuasive letters (address, sentence openers, time connectives, paragraphs, specific vocabulary) and the children will be applying their knowledge to write a persuasive letter.

Maths – We are re-visiting Fractions, this time focussing on recognising and counting in tenths and finding fractions of objects. We will also be finding equivalent fractions by multiplying the numerator and denominator by the same number, and solving fraction word problems. Afterwards, we will be re-visiting time, using analogue and digital clocks, reading and writing time using 12 and 24 hour clocks, reading and writing time to the nearest 5 minutes, solving one and two step time word problems. We will also be ensuring that each child knows the number of seconds in a minute; number of hours in a day; number of days in a week, month, year, leap year; and the number of months in a year. You can help them with this at home.

Science – We are continuing to explore Plants, investigating how water is transported through plants by creating an experiment; looking at the role of flowers, in particular pollination and fertilisation of plants, and seed dispersal.

Geography – We are continuing to explore climate through the topic of Rainforests, comparing and contrasting different climate localities, mapping tropical and temperate rainforests, and identifying the various flora and fauna that live there.

History – We will finish our topic of Anglo-Saxons in Britain before embarking on our next topic of the Vikings in Britain. We will be exploring where the Vikings came from, and the influence they had on the Britons living in Britain. In Art we will be creating Viking portraits and self-portraits through various mediums and in DT we will be planning and creating a Viking longboat.

Bug Club

Please encourage your child to read to you each night to further improve their reading fluency and comprehension skills. If your child has mis-placed their username or password, please let your homeroom teacher know. Your support with home reading is much appreciated, thank you.

Times Too

Times Too is an online programme which encourages children to learn and practise their times tables. Most children in Grade 2 should now have received a username and password from their streamed Maths teacher. Please encourage your child to use Times Too as an interactive way to consolidate their times tables knowledge. Certificates will be awarded to those children who practise and get 100% in the mini online quizzes.

Stationary

Please ensure your child has the correct stationary in school. All children should have a **labelled** pencil, eraser, ruler and in particular, a **glue stick** and **board pen** in their pencil case at all times. Their learning and ability to take part in lesson activities is being affected by not having these items in school. Thank you.

Uniform

All uniform can be bought from Zak's in Al Raha Mall. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform every day. All items must be **labelled** with your child's name. This will make it far easier to return lost items promptly. Black shoes must be worn on non-PE days. Please, no 'home clothes' to be worn, including jeans. Also football boots are not appropriate for school, even on PE days! Thank you to all parents whose children are always dressed impeccably in correct school uniform, it is much appreciated.

Due to the rising temperatures, we are requesting that each child brings in their own labelled water bottle daily to ensure that they stay hydrated throughout the day. A sun hat is also a good idea for playtime. Thank you.

History Day!

Grade 2 staff will be organising another History Day towards the end of May or in the first week of June. Your child will be invited to dress up as an Anglo-Saxon or as a Viking. Further details will be sent out nearer the time when we have a confirmed date.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards, Miss Lucy and the Grade 2 teachers.