



PUTTING THE FUN BACK  
INTO LEARNING!

January 2016

Dear Parents,

The Grade 1 team hope you have had a lovely holiday with your family. It is a new term and we look forward to the progress the children will show over this time. During January a Progress Meeting will be held to share progress on the targets set in November and set new targets for your child where appropriate. We look forward to seeing you during these evenings on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January between 4:30pm and 7:00pm. Please return the reply slip with your preferred timings and an appointment will be allocated to you. Ms Emma, Senior Teacher, will be responsible for Grade 1 after Ms Daniella's resignation from school. Ms Nadia Iqbal will be the temporary replacement for Ms Daniella as homeroom teacher.

## English



Over the next couple of weeks in English we will be learning about non-fiction texts. We will be comparing fiction and non-fiction and looking at the language and features used in each. We will be exploring the use of information leaflets and creating our own leaflet, researching and then sharing information about the UAE, we will then compare this with the UK.



## Maths

**In Maths this month**, we will be looking at addition and subtraction. The children will continue to develop their understanding of the methods for addition and subtraction mentally and using a number line. Developing fluency is a key skill in mathematics. The children will be focusing on bridging ten when adding or subtracting. Some children can find this difficult to remember so lots of counting practice forwards and backwards can help. Using practical examples at home can develop fluency, for example, counting sweets or stairs climbed are some examples to continue to practice. Counting backwards is usually more difficult when passing the ten barrier, so lots of practice about 1 less than 50 or 1 less than 30 etc. can help.

The children will continue to build on their understanding from term 1 when comparing numbers using < and > symbols. They will also continue to develop their understanding of the properties of numbers and investigate properties further.

Counting in tens is an important part of addition and subtraction and the children will begin to use this to add and subtract numbers which are close to the ten. E.g.  $6 + 9$

## Topic

During this term the topic will be holidays. This will have a science focus on weather and the seasons. The children will be identifying the differences between weather in the UAE and the UK.

**Geography** – During the geography lessons the children will be studying maps of the different continents, countries and oceans. They will be using directional language to discuss the position of different parts of the UAE and the UK.

The children will also enjoy writing and filming their very own weather forecast!

**Music** - During the music lessons the children will be studying rhythm, tempo and pitch. Using their new musical knowledge they will create pieces of music that describe different types of weather.

**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

<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/counting>

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

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

Stationery packs for term 2 can be purchased from the store from next week. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform by checking this link to our uniform section on our website. <http://www.albasmaschool.ae/pages/news/school-uniform>

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Many thanks for your support.

With thanks,

The Grade 1 team

