



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

May 2016

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the recent parent's evening and share the progress the children have made with you. All children have been set new targets please continue to support the children at home in order to achieve these next steps.

KG1/KG2 Outdoor Area

Recently a range of new outdoor equipment has been purchased for KG1 during their outdoor provision slot within the timetable. KG2 are able to benefit from this new equipment during their break times. The children have really enjoyed the new developments within this area and the range of structured play has increased.



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

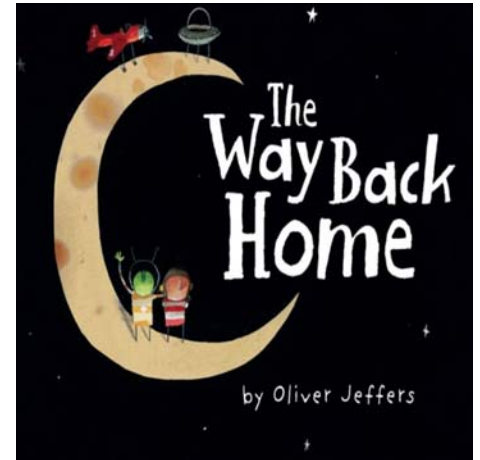
English



In English, we will be focusing on the book 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. This is written by the same author that the children studied last (Lost and Found).

When a boy discovers a single-propeller airplane in his closet, he does what any young adventurer would do: He flies it into outer space! Millions of miles from Earth, the plane begins to sputter and quake, its fuel tank on empty. The

boy executes a daring landing on the moon . . .



The children will be reading part of the story at a time in order to develop their prediction skills. They will be focusing on clues in the story and using their imagination to predict what will happen next. The children will continue to apply their phonic skills through the independent tasks. Please encourage your child to retell the story to you each day.

Following on from this will be a unit on traditional stories. This unit will focus on the key events in the stories and the children will look at alternative ways of rewriting and changing each story.

Maths

In Maths this month we will be focusing on division, multiplication and fractions.

In division the children will be focusing on the language of sharing equally and developing this to solve simple problems using division. This will begin through the practical sharing of objects to aid understanding. Please practise this with your child at home sharing physical objects to support them. Multiplication will follow and the children will again be using objects to support their understanding of groups of objects. Simple problems will help them to develop their understanding.

Fractions will also be covered within the month. The focus will be on identifying half of a shape, object or a set amount. The focus will be the practical identification, particularly with half of a quantity and the link to division will be discussed. See the links in the website section for extra support.

Science

The children will begin their topic on Materials this month. The focus will be on 4 main materials: wood, plastic, glass and metal. The children will be investigating what the different materials are used for and identifying examples of them within the



school and the classroom whilst using their knowledge from the outside world to identify their uses. The children will also be investigating their properties. They will be developing their scientific investigating skills through the collection of data and answering questions about what they have identified.

Topic

This month we will begin to focus on a new topic: Great explorers. Over the duration of this topic we will be learning a little about famous explorers and what they did. The explorers we will be looking at include; Robert Falcon Scott, Jacques Cousteau and Christopher Columbus. We will be investigating who these people were, what they were exploring and how they travelled during their expeditions. We will be using this as a basis to further develop our understanding of history and compare life today with life in the past.

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.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=14>

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

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

Science

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/science/properties_of_materials/play/

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Many thanks for your support.

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