



PUTTING THE FUN BACK  
INTO LEARNING!

March 2016

Dear Parents,

Thank you again for your support this month. The children have now brought in lots of stationary; please remind them to have this with them in a pencil case every day. Below is information regarding the curriculum for the coming month.

### English

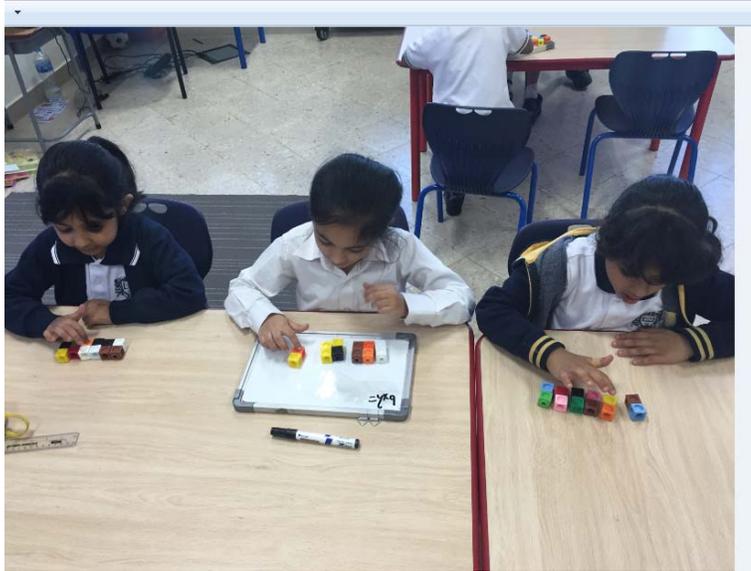
In English the children have learnt to re-tell the story of the Gingerbread man. We have developed our own versions of the Gingerbread man, using the traditional story as a model to base our stories on. Our 'toolkits' for writing are growing and we should now be including lots of punctuation in our writing. This includes: Capital letters, full stops, commas, speech marks and exclamation marks. We will be using the same toolkit when looking at other traditional tales this month. We had a fabulous 'reading week' at school, whenever we heard a song played throughout the school we stopped what we were doing and read a book.



### Topic

The children are really enjoying our new topic all about the great fire of London. The children know lots about London today and have compared it to the past, when the fire happened. We have been finding out facts about how the fire started and how it spread. Furthermore we are looking at how we find out about events that happened in the past.





## Maths

As we move further into the school year the children are now starting to apply their known number facts. We are progressing onto more complex skills such as: rounding numbers to the nearest 10, dividing numbers into equal groups, multiplication and fractions. Division will be taught by splitting numbers into equal groups using objects and pictorial representations.

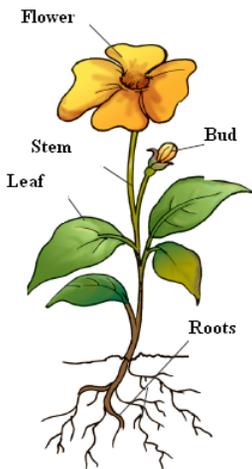
Every day we have been recalling our 2s, 5s and 10 timetables. Knowing these facts will help the children to calculate and count much quicker. Using our knowledge of place value we are rounding numbers to the closest 10. Below is the rule:

1 2 3 4 round down  
 ← round up 5 6 7 8 9 →

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
 ← → ← →

**26 – 6 goes up so round to 30**

**83 – 3 goes down so round to 80**



## Science

We are looking at plants again this month, labeling the different parts and what they need to grow. The homework project to bring in a plant was a brilliant way for the children to observe how a plant grows and the essential things that it needs.

We will continue to monitor and record the findings from our investigations.

## **International day**

We had a great time on Thursday celebrating international day. Thank you for all of the contributions of projects, items and food from your home countries.



## **Bug Club**

All students have received their username and password for our online reading scheme Bug Club. Please encourage your child to use Bug Club each night to read a story and answer the reading comprehension questions by clicking on the 'Bug' symbols on the book pages. You can access Bug Club at [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk) by entering the username, password and school code

## **General Grade 1 curriculum support**

[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

## **Uniform**

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform by checking this link to our uniform section on our website. <http://www.albasmachool.ae/pages/news/school-uniform>. No home clothes are allowed including jeans, sweatshirts, jumpers or jackets.

## **Stationary**

This is a further polite reminder that your child needs to have a labelled pencil case containing these stationary items: *pencils; colouring pencils; glue stick; scissors; ruler; eraser; whiteboard markers*. Please make sure your child's stationary is **labelled**, especially whiteboard markers, glue sticks and scissors. Thank you very much to the vast majority of parents who have done this.

Thank you for all your continued support,

The Grade one team