



PUTTING THE FUN BACK  
INTO LEARNING!

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy Spring term with lots of new changes, from welcoming two new teachers to Grade 2 in January, to streaming in Maths and English. Grade 2 have been working hard throughout this term, and we are looking forward to participating in the International Day celebrations, World Book Day and Grade 2's Ancient Rome History Day before the Spring holiday. As always, if you have any questions please do contact your child's homeroom teacher, or their Maths and English teachers.

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### Assessment

**Checkpoint Week** will take place in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Grade 2 will be assessed using mini quizzes to cover the learning that has taken place this term. In English, we will do a mini spelling checkpoint, and a Big Write. In Maths, we will do a mini Maths checkpoint, with a question on each topic that we have covered in class. In Science, we will do a mini quiz on 'Rocks' and 'Light'. Please do not worry about these assessments. They are used to inform your child's teachers about what knowledge your child has retained throughout this term, and any gaps that we find in your child's knowledge will be revisited over the next term.

### Curriculum

**English** – We will continue to look at genres of non-fiction texts, and then we will be moving on to genres of poetry: haiku, tanka and kenning poetic forms. In order to write in this style, we will be concentrating on the number of syllables in words, adjectives, to create poetic imagery.

**Maths** – We are looking at Measurement, consolidating measuring lengths and widths of objects in cm and m; weighing objects in g and kg, and investigating volume in ml and l. We will be looking at fractions: recognising that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts; counting up and down in tenths; finding and writing fractions for a set of objects; recognising and showing equivalent fractions; and solving one step fraction word problems.

Science – we are investigating the topic of Light. We need to be able to recognise that we need light in order to see things, that dark is the absence of light, that light is reflected from surfaces and to recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous but that there are ways to protect their eyes, to recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object, and to find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.

Geography – we have been enjoying learning about the different effects of physical processes on the Earth. We are currently investigating the effect of tsunamis on the Earth and we will be looking at the effect of tornadoes.

History – we are still investigating the Roman Empire through various sources, including Art and DT. In History we are looking at life in Ancient Rome, including counting in Roman Numerals and learning simple Latin phrases. We will be looking at the role music had to play in Roman life, and Roman entertainment. In DT we are looking at Roman architecture by creating a plan of our villa and constructing it out of 3D shapes. In Art, we are studying Roman mosaics and recreating our own using 2D shapes.

### Bug Club

All children in Grade 2 will have received their usernames and passwords. Please encourage your child to read to you each night to further improve their reading fluency and comprehension.

### Stationary

Please make sure your child's stationary is **labelled**, especially whiteboard markers, glue sticks and scissors. This is even more important now as your child is moving between classrooms for streaming. Thank you very much to all who have done this.

Please note all children should have a pencil, rubber, sharpener, board pen, colour pencils and ruler in their pencil case at all times

### 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.

### **Ancient Rome Day!**

Due to curriculum constraints, we would like to inform you that we will now be holding the Ancient Rome day on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March**, the week AFTER checkpoint week, not before. We would like the children to dress up as an Ancient Roman, and come to school ready to live a day in Ancient Rome! Details of this day will be sent out nearer to the time.

Thank you again for your continued support and co-operation throughout this term.

Kind regards,

Miss Lucy and The Grade 2 teachers.