



PUTTING THE FUN BACK  
INTO LEARNING!

## Grade 2 Newsletter

November 2015

Dear Parents,

We would like to start this newsletter with a BIG thank you for all of your support over the past few weeks: bringing in fruit to make fruit kebabs so we could follow instructions in English; allowing toothbrushes and toothpaste to be brought in to help encourage children to learn about looking after their teeth; raiding cupboards for recyclable materials to create Stone Age tools and weapons in Design and Technology (D&T); and finally an enormous thank you for allowing your child to take part in our HISTORY day. We were joined by Wilma Flintstone and her team of interesting animal-print pets who showed us what it was like to live in the Stone Age. Congratulations to Gabriella who won our best costume award, presented by Mr. Mohammed. Well done to all those who were runners-up!



### Curriculum

These past few weeks have flown by! We are continually assessing your child each week, and will give you more information about your child's individual targets during Parent's Evening.

In English, we have finished with our genre of Traditional Tales, and Instruction Texts. We enjoyed learning about Instructions, making our fruit kebabs and following instructions to find a prize on a Treasure Hunt. We will be focusing on writing recounts over the next few weeks, recalling past events and writing about them in the past tense, and using time connectives to link ideas together.

In Maths, we have been learning to solve multiplication calculations using arrays, and have been sharing objects equally to help us solve division calculations. Please continue to practise the 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 times tables at home with your child. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes, and will be starting to look at fractions.

In Science, we are moving on to our next topic of Forces and Magnets. We will be looking at two different forces, Pushes and Pulls, and how these two simple actions are what keep us from floating into Space; keep aeroplanes flying in the air; and stop large ships sinking in water.

Over the past 10 weeks our Foundation subjects have been linked to the Stone Age in Britain. Due to an exciting astronomical event which will be happening in Britain in December, most of our Foundation subjects will now be linked with Significant Historical Figures. In Geography, we will be continuing to look at maps, planning and drawing our own map with a key. However, in History, we will be studying Neil Armstrong and why he is an important historical person. In Art we will be looking at the paintings of Charles Lindsay, and finally in D&T we will be designing our very own Apollo 13. This will help the children explore and identify with what will be happening in the Astronomical world. Watch this space!

## Books

Thank you to all parents who have bought the stationary packs for their children and have brought them into school. These are essential for recording your child's progress throughout the academic year. If there are still parents who have not bought a stationary pack for your child with school books, these can be purchased at the Stationary store to the right of Reception.

## Homework

In addition to the homework that is sent out each Sunday, you will have been receiving spellings to practise at home. We recommend that you keep these spellings at home with you to continually practise with your child. In December, during assessment week, your child will be tested on a selection of the spelling words. In order for these words to go into your child's long-term memory we advise that you practise the spellings on a regular basis.

## Uniform

Again, thank you very much to all parents who are ensuring that their child wears the correct school uniform. Everyday school uniform comprises Bermuda shorts, school skirt, long pants, polo T-shirt and school fleece jacket. All uniform is available from Zaks, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Raha Mall. If your child has PE, they should come into school wearing their PE uniform. School houses have as yet not been allocated to children, so on PE days your child may wear an ordinary T-shirt with school tracksuit bottoms. On non-PE days, children **MUST** wear black school shoes. Football boots are not allowed in school at all. Thank you for your continued understanding and co-operation in this matter.

## Water bottles and lunch boxes

Please ensure that your child's water bottle and lunch box are clearly named. Thank you to those parents who are providing their children with healthy snacks and lunches! Your class teachers really appreciate this as healthy snacks help your child to concentrate and focus during their lessons, which in turn helps them to make greater progress. **Please remember, NO nuts or products containing nuts are to be brought into school.**

## Enrichment Clubs

We hope that if your child was successful in joining an Enrichment club, that they are enjoying it! Could we please remind all parents that children should be picked up promptly at 4pm when clubs finish in the afternoon? Failure to collect children on time on consecutive occasions will mean that your child will lose their place in the club. Thank you in advance.

We look forward to meeting you during the Parent's Evenings, and discussing your child's individual targets in person.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Grade 2 Teachers.