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## Grade 2 Newsletter

October 2015

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy start to the academic year! The biggest change that has happened in Grade 2 is that we have now gone from 8 classes to 7 classes. Ms. Lamia's class (2LA/2D) has been split between the other 7 classes of Grade 2 to allow Ms. Lamia to support children with their English in the secondary school. However, be assured that your child is still receiving the best education possible from our dedicated teaching staff. Please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or questions by e-mailing the teacher, or by writing in your child's organiser. We will be more than happy to answer any queries you may have.

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### Curriculum

We have had a busy few weeks since we started in September, assessing your children to find out where the gaps are in their education, and working out how best we can support your child throughout this term.

In English, we have been enjoying our genre of 'Traditional Tales', looking in particular at the stories of 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'The Little Red Hen'. It has been fun reciting the stories with different actions!

In Maths, we have been looking at the tricky topic of Place Value, and we are now starting to solve addition and subtraction calculations using the formal column method.

In Science, we have been exploring and discussing what we need for our bodies to work e.g. healthy foods (What is a balanced diet? Why do we need to eat a balanced diet? What happens to our bodies if we don't eat the correct food/don't exercise?), how our lungs and circulatory system work. We will continue to look at the human body in further detail looking at the heart and how it works, and the function of the skeleton.

Most of our Foundation Subjects (History, Art and DT) are linked to the Stone Age, a part of British History, where we are starting to research how people lived in this era. In Geography, we have been looking at where we are in the world, identifying the seven continents and major oceans, and becoming familiar with the UAE (labelling the seven Emirate states). In Computing, we are focussing on E-safety, raising the children's awareness of how they can keep safe when using the internet.

### Books

School books can be purchased at the Stationary store to the right of Reception. They are imperative to record your child's progress. Thank you to all parents who have purchased school books for their children, it is greatly appreciated!

### Homework

Your child will now be starting to receive homework each Sunday. Please return this completed by the following Wednesday. We would like to encourage children to complete the homework independently with some parental support. Please do not complete the homework for them, as your child's teacher needs to see what your child can do to further challenge them, or what your child can't do so as to further support them in class.

### Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing 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. If your child has not yet been allocated a school house, they may wear an ordinary T-shirt with school tracksuit bottoms. On non-PE days, children **MUST** wear black school shoes. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter. Football boots are not allowed in school.

### Water bottles, and lunch boxes

Your child **MUST** bring a water bottle to school with them. There are water fountains in the school where they may fill up their bottle with fresh water. Please make sure the bottle, and lunch boxes are clearly named. We would like to see healthy snacks in your child's lunchbox, if at all possible **(please, No nuts or products containing nuts!)**

We have enjoyed getting to know your child in our class over this past month, seeing them settle in and start to make good progress. We very much look forward to working with you and your child this term!

With kind regards,

The Grade 2 teachers.