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## Grade 3 Newsletter

October 2015

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy start to the academic year! The biggest change that has happened in Grade 3 is that we have now gone from 7 classes to 6 classes. Ms. Aytan's class (3C/3AY) has been split between the other 6 classes in Grade 3 to allow Ms. Aytan to support children with their English in Grade one. 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 recount writing, with children focusing on retelling the events and adventures of their recent summer holidays and Eid. We have been focusing on the use of correct tenses in our writing and how to expand our sentences using the 5 key questions; Who? What? Where? Why? When?

We have also been focusing on descriptive writing and how to use powerful adjectives, similes and sensory detail to write descriptively. Over the next few weeks we will be focusing on a book called 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne. We will be applying our knowledge of descriptive writing to a variety of writing tasks linked to this book.

In Maths, we have been looking at the topic of Place Value and Addition of 3, 4 and 5 digit numbers. Next week we will be focusing on subtraction and how to use the column method to subtract 3 and 4 digit numbers. We will be moving on to multiplication using efficient written methods which will include using the column method to multiply two and three digit numbers by one digit numbers. We will also focus on using the grid method to multiply two and three digit numbers together. We will learn how to multiply three numbers together using multiplication facts up to 12x12. You can support your child in this topic by helping them to learn their times tables (up to 12x12) at home.

In Science, we have been exploring and discussing our topic of living things and their habitats. We have been focusing on habitats of different animals and learning about how living things are grouped. In the next few weeks we will be focusing on food chains and how environments can change and the dangers this can pose to living things.

Most of our Foundation Subjects (History, Art and DT) are linked to our topic of The Tudors, a part of British History. We are starting to research how people lived in this era. In Art we have been focusing on portraits and have been working hard to draw a portrait of King Henry VIII.

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! If you have not yet purchased books for your child please do so as soon as possible.

### Homework

Your child will receive homework each Sunday. Please return this completed each Wednesday. We would like to encourage children to complete their 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 so as to further challenge them, or what your child can't do so as to further support them in class. Children have been provided with a spare English and Maths copy book which they will use as their homework book. Please ensure homework is completed in the books or the worksheets are glued/attached to the books to ensure homework does not go missing in class. There will be a project about The Tudors in the next two weeks.

### 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. Please do not allow children to wear football kits or football boots to school. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

We have enjoyed getting to know your children in our classes 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 3 teachers.

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