



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

The monthly Curriculum Newsletter is to inform you about the up-coming teaching for October in Grade 4. It will indicate the topic, key ideas and how you can support the teaching and learning of your child from home. We have concluded our baselining in literacy identifying your child's strengths and weaknesses and enabling us to focus your child's learning, accelerate their progress and raise their achievement. We will continue with our Maths baselining in to October building a complete picture of your child's abilities. We will be streaming for Maths and English in the coming weeks using the baseline assessments to group the children allowing for further personalisation of their learning. Please be aware that learning in class, homework, weekly tests (spelling/timetables) and other aspects of your child's learning will differ between each class and between pupils. This is so everything is tailored to the needs of your child to ensure maximum progress can be made throughout the year.

Parent and Teacher contact: Thank you to all the parents who attended the parents' curriculum evening last month. I hope the information provided was beneficial to you. If you were unable to attend the presentation can be found on the school website <http://www.albasmaschool.ae/>. Please find below the email addresses of the teachers as requested.

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I will request the emails of all the specialist teachers and forward them in the pupils' contact books.

Uniform: We are aware that your child's birthday is a special occasion however they must still wear their full school uniform on this day and not their own clothes. Please be aware that if providing party food for the class, cakes and sweets should already be packed into a party bag for pupils to take home. No nuts please.

Homework: Spellings will be sent home every Monday to be tested the following Monday. One piece of homework for each of Maths and English will be sent home every Sunday to be returned on a Wednesday. Each child should have a book to complete their homework in. Can we please ask that you guide you children with the homework and not complete it for them. If they do not understand or do not have enough time to complete the homework please leave the teacher a note and they can review this with your child in school.

Maths: During October children will be developing their mathematical skills; by confidently recognising factors and prime numbers and becoming able to use multiplication and division facts to solve problems. Following this children will explore angles learning how to measure and compare various types of angles. The children will then begin to study length, perimeter and area before furthering their knowledge of written methods of multiplication.

English: The children will be studying Myths and Legends and the features which are included in this particular genre of stories. Over the next four weeks children will be focusing on one particular story and unpicking each of the features in detail. The children will study the plot, characters and settings of the story before developing their own ideas. This technique will help them to create their own mythical story. Grammar rules and sentence structure will be taught through the topic of Myths and Legends to aid children's writing.

Science: Over the next two weeks children will conclude the first unit of science, living things and their habitats (including humans). To finish off the unit children will be studying the life cycle of plants in particular pollination, fertilisation and seed dispersal. The children will then start their second unit of study, Earth and Space focusing on; the movement of Earth and the Planets relative to the solar system, exploring stars and galaxies and defining gravity as a force.

Topic: Throughout September children have had fun studying Crime and Punishment looking at the science and history of finger prints, creating an identity description and sketch for a criminal and they will be finishing the unit by conducting their very own investigation to unravel the mystery of 'The Stolen Laptop'. The following topic will focus on Europe. Each class in Grade 4 will have their own European country to study, looking at all different aspects of that country. The unit will conclude in a celebration of five different European countries. The children will develop their geographical and historical research skills in an interactive and cross curricular focus of learning. Other foundation subjects of Art, Music, DT are also covered in these lessons.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

Thank you for your support and appreciation

The Grade 4 teachers