



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

Dear Parents,

WELCOME TO GRADE 1.

This academic year, we have lots to look forward to and a fantastic team to nurture and support your child every step of the way. Ms Emma, Ms Daniella, Ms Joni, Ms Amber, Ms Teena, Ms Lavanya, Ms Nadia, Ms Ayesha and Ms Rasha will be leading your child through their Grade 1 journey, planting knowledge of the English National Curriculum through creative and practical lessons.

Baseline Assessment

The initial weeks of this term will be dedicated to establishing a baseline of each child's capabilities within Phonics and Maths. These assessments will allow us to cater our teachings to suit individuals to ensure progression and high achievement. We urge you to not be concerned about these assessments as they are merely a means of grouping children to benefit their educational development.

Curriculum overview

During this Autumn term, in Mathematics we will be focusing on:

- Number and Place Value (recognising, comparing and ordering numbers from 0-100, partitioning numbers in to tens and units)
- Addition (relating counting to addition, understanding pairs of numbers to 20, recognising symbols and patterns)
- Money and Measures (measuring length in non-standard units, creating symmetrical patterns, identifying dhs)
- Doubling and halving
- Shapes
- Data interpretation (using tables to sort objects)

Within English, we will be studying Traditional Tales and Poetry, building an understanding of the spoken and written language, through story patterns, sequencing and poetry calligrams.

Our Science focus is animals and their habitats encouraging the children to explore animals from different countries, specific animal groups and their living conditions.

Within the foundation subjects, we will be looking at UAE buildings and paintings in Art and Design Technology. This will connect with our UAE Geography and History unit and Arabian themes in Music.

Further study

As a school we encourage extra-curricular activities and independent home-study. In support of this, Grade 1 teachers will be sending home compulsory phonics and Maths homework activities on a Sunday to be returned by Wednesday. The number and size of home tasks will begin to increase as the year progresses to allow further study in more varied subjects. Additionally, if you would like to support your children further, there are many websites that you can access from home. The websites below are filled with games and printable tasks that could encourage your child to practice their class learnings in a fun and exciting way.

Phonics/ English

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play/>

Maths

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/>

If you need further information about the curriculum or procedures within school, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. All children have now received a contact book which will be the main method of communication between parents and teachers. We advise that you check this daily for comments about your child's progress and behavior, school updates and homework tasks. If you need a more immediate port of contact you may also email teachers directly on their school email.

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We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that all school stationary is available to purchase from the school store.

We thank you in advance for your support and appreciation of our efforts.

Grade 1 teachers