



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

September 2016

Dear Parents,

The Grade 1 team hope you have had a lovely holiday with your family. It is a new school year and we look forward to the progress the children will show over their time in Grade 1. This week we will hold a 'Meet the teacher' evening where you can meet your child's teacher and ask any questions you may have. Please check emails regularly as this will be our main form of communication. The Senior teacher for KS1 is Ms Gayatri and the grade leader is Ms Amber, you are welcome to contact these teachers if you have any questions or concerns regarding Grade 1. Email addresses for all Grade 1 staff are located at the end of the guide.

Starter stationery packs can be purchased from the uniform or school store now. Please ensure all children have the correct stationery. Please ensure your child brings a fully stocked pencil case labelled with their name into school each day.

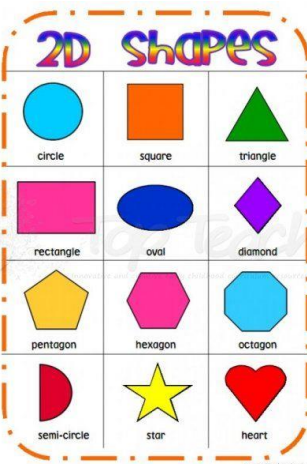
Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform by checking this link to our uniform section on our website. <http://www.albasmaschool.ae/pages/news/school-uniform>

English



This month in English we will be reading lots of different stories. We will be reading them, sequencing them, acting them out and we will begin to write our own stories. Some of the books we are reading are: Not Now Bernard by David McKee, Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak and Monsters Don't Eat Broccoli by Barbara Jean Hicks. We will be having lots of fun with new vocabulary and we will be using full stops and capital letters in our writing.

Maths



In Maths this month, we will be looking at addition and subtraction. The children will continue to develop their understanding of the methods for addition and subtraction mentally and using a number line. We will be securing our understanding of number bonds to ten as this will help us to add bigger numbers. We will also be exploring 2D shapes; looking at the number of sides a shape has and other shape properties. We will be exploring symmetry and learning how both sides have to be the same in order for a shape to be symmetrical.

Topic

Our first topic this year is the UAE. We will be exploring what we already know about the country and learning much more! In Geography we will be locating the UAE on a map and all of the 7 emirates. We will also be looking at some of the famous buildings in the UAE. In History we will be learning about how the UAE has changed over the years and how it looked a long time ago. We will also be learning about some of the famous people from the UAE. In Art we will be drawing and making our own UAE skylines.



Science

In Science this term we will be learning about animals including humans. This will include learning about the human body and bodyparts, learning about the 5 senses, learning about different animals and learning about what living things need.

Here are some useful websites which you can use at home. There are lots of games which you could play together with your child, to consolidate our Maths and English learning.



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/>

<http://www.ictgames.com/numberFacts.htm>

Contact details for teachers:

Please find below the contact details for all teachers within Grade 1.

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Many thanks for your support.

With thanks,

The Grade 1 team