



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

February 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those of you who were able to meet your child's teachers at Parents Evening. We hope that you found it informative, and that any concerns you had about your child's progress were resolved. As always, if you do have any queries or concerns about your child's progress, please do e-mail the relevant teacher or write in your child's home/school organisers, and we will do our best to address the issues. E-mail addresses are listed below:

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We hope that your child enjoyed their educational visit to the Louvre museum. Everyone appeared to enjoy the 'UAE Inspire: 3D Motif' workshop. The teachers were impressed by the children's good behaviour. They were a credit to Al Basma School.

Curriculum

English – We will be exploring persuasive formal letters, discussing when and to whom they would be written, and identifying the features of formal letters. We will be writing a persuasive letter with a purpose, focusing on writing in paragraphs, and applying our knowledge of the structure and layout of formal letters. After we will study alliterative poetry, Haikus and Tankas, where we will be exploring and reading a range of poems, identifying syllables and writing our own poems to perform in front of our peers.

Maths – We have returned to our topic of Addition and Subtraction, where we will add and subtract numbers with up to three digits, using formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction; estimate the answer to a calculation and use inverse operations to check answers; solve problems including missing number problems, using number facts, place value and more complex addition and subtraction. Our next topic will be Fractions, where we will practise adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator.

Science – We are becoming Rock detectives in Science! We will find where rocks, or materials made from rocks, have been used in and around school, in our homes, and in the different Malls. We will

start to recognise that there is rock under all surfaces and be able to describe the internal structure of the Earth in simple terms. We will describe what happens when a volcano erupts and explain where in the world volcanoes occur and why they are found there. We will find out in which rock type we will most likely find dinosaur fossils! Finally we will look at how fossils are formed.

Topic - We will continue our topic of Romans, looking in particular at the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will research what Roman soldiers used to wear, and why; what language the Romans spoke and explore Roman numerals.

My Identity Project

As part of the 'My Identity' initiative introduced by ADEK, we would like you to complete a project with your child on the 6 themes in relation to the UAE by making a 'My Identity' tree. The 6 themes are: Culture, Language, History, Values, Citizenship, and Community. If you have not received information on this project, please email your child's homeroom teacher. The deadline is **Thursday 22nd March**.

Bug Club

Please continue to encourage your child to read to you each night to further improve their reading fluency and comprehension skills. We believe it is very important to read with your child each day. Evidence shows even 5 minutes reading an English book every day has an impact on children's attainment and progress in all English medium subjects. The same can be said of Arabic.

Stationery and Uniform

Please ensure your child has the correct stationery in school. All children should have a **labelled** pencil, eraser, ruler and in particular, a **glue stick** and **board pen** in their pencil case at all times in order to access the curriculum. Please also ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform, **clearly labelled**, by checking this link to our uniform section on the school website: www.albasmaschool.ae/pages/news/school-uniform.

Healthy lunchboxes

Kindly note that Al Basma is a NUT-FREE school; both children and teachers in our community have a severe nut allergy. Our school strives to be a healthy school, and we would like to see healthy snacks in your child's lunchbox. Please, no energy drinks in school. Thank you.

Birthdays!

We LOVE birthday cake in Grade 2! However, we kindly request that the cake is brought in ready to distribute, cut and placed into little party bags. Please remember the cake **MUST** be nut-free; an ingredient list and use by date should be sent with the cake. Thank you very much.

Kind regards,

Miss Lucy and the Grade 2 teachers.