



PUTTING THE FUN BACK  
INTO LEARNING!

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable break over the winter holidays. We are looking forward to hearing stories about the children's holidays, and sharing what we did over the holiday too. Next week there will be the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers at Parent's Evening to discuss Term 1 reports and targets. Details will be sent out this week. If you have any queries, please do e-mail the relevant homeroom or set teacher, or write in your child's home/school organisers. E-mail addresses are listed below:

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### **Curriculum**

#### **English**

This month we are returning to the genre of Narrative, consolidating prior knowledge of adjectives, powerful verbs, sentence openers, and applying these skills in independent writing. We will also be learning about similes. We will be exploring non-chronological reports, identifying the structure and features within reports, including headings, sub-headings, paragraphs, and time connectives. We will then research and plan in order to write our own non-chronological report.

#### **Maths**

We will continue on our topic of Measure, telling and writing the time from an analogue clock, in 12- and 24-hour clocks; using and writing vocabulary such as o'clock, a.m., p.m., morning, afternoon, noon, and midnight; and to know the number of seconds in a minute, minutes in an hour, and the number of days in a month, a year and leap year. We will also measure, compare, add and subtract mass (kg/g). After time we will return to our topic of Number and Place Value, to find 10 or 100 more or less than a given number; to recognise the place value of each digit in a three-digit number (hundreds, tens, ones (HTO)); to compare and order numbers up to 1000, as well as read and write numbers up to 1000 in numerals and in words.

## Science

In Science, we will be identifying objects that are magnetic or non-magnetic, understanding that a magnet has 2 poles, and learning what the terms 'repel' and 'attract' mean. We will also be investigating which type of magnet is the strongest, before starting our new topic of Rocks.

## Topic

We will start our unit of Romans, looking in particular at the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will research the importance of Julius Caesar to the Roman Empire, the power of its army, and how the Roman Empire spread throughout much of Europe through its invasions.

## 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 spend even 5 minutes reading an English book every day. Your child's teacher is assigning them books on Bug Club. Please contact the homeroom teacher if you have misplaced your username and password for Bug Club.

## Stationery and Uniform

Please ensure your child has the correct stationery in school.

All children should have a **labelled** pencil, eraser, and ruler and in particular, a **glue stick** and **board pen** should be 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 with their name**, by checking this link to our uniform section on the school website: [www.albasmaschool.ae/pages/news/school-uniform](http://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! If your child wishes to bring a cake into school to share with their class, may we kindly request that the cake is brought in ready to be distributed to the children, 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.

We are looking forward to seeing how your child progresses throughout this term, and we thank you in advance for your co-operation and support.

Kind regards,

Miss Lucy and the Grade 2 teachers.