



PUTTING THE FUN BACK  
INTO LEARNING!

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Parent Teacher Information Event. We hope you found it informative and that any questions you had were answered. Grade 2 have started to stream for Maths and English, and I am sure your child will have excitedly told you who their new Maths and English teacher are. Your child's homeroom teacher is still your main point of contact, but if there is a specific issue that you would like to discuss about Maths or English, then please e-mail your child's Maths or English teacher. Grade 2 teacher's e-mail addresses are listed below:

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2CA (2C) – Ms. Caitlyn	<a href="mailto:caitlyn.t@albasmaschool.ae">caitlyn.t@albasmaschool.ae</a>
2SA (2D) – Ms. Saima	<a href="mailto:saima@albasmaschool.ae">saima@albasmaschool.ae</a>
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### Curriculum

English – We are continuing to enjoy our genre of 'Traditional Tales', and will finish this genre by reading and studying 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Afterwards, we will change genres to look at non-fiction texts, specifically Instructions. We will be identifying the different features of an instruction text, exploring imperative verbs and time connectives in particular. We will also be writing our own instruction texts.

Maths – We have been solving addition and subtraction calculations both mentally and using the formal column method, and now we will be focusing on the topic of Multiplication and Division, looking at arrays, and formal written methods. Please help your child to practise the 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 times tables every day. Grade 2 children are expected to know all 12 times tables to the 12<sup>th</sup> multiple by the end of this academic year fluently, but as a minimum, they must know the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables to the 12<sup>th</sup> multiple.

Science – In Science, we will look at the human body in further detail, identifying the function of our skeleton and the three different types of skeletons that animals, including humans have.

In our Foundation subjects for the next few weeks (History, Art and Computing) we are continuing to research how people lived in the Stone Age by exploring artefacts, identifying what hunters and gatherers would have eaten, and discussing similarities and differences between modern and Stone Age houses.

### Streaming

Please bear with us as we continue to sort streaming classes for English and Maths. These classes are designed to be flexible, and your child may move from one class to another depending on the level of support and challenge we feel your child needs in order to further their individual progress.

### Parent's Evening

You will have a chance to meet with your child's homeroom, English and Maths teachers the weeks commencing 29<sup>th</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> November. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

### Bug Club

Please continue to encourage your child to read to you each night to further improve their reading fluency and comprehension skills. If your child has mis-placed their username or password, please let your homeroom teacher know. Thank you.

### 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.albamaschool.ae/pages/news/school-uniform](http://www.albamaschool.ae/pages/news/school-uniform). We would appreciate it if all your child's belongings are clearly labelled as any lost items can then be returned to them much more quickly.

### 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!

All the teachers in Grade 2 LOVE birthday cake! 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.

Thank you again for your patience and support this month, especially with regards to streaming. We look forward to seeing you at Parent's Evening.

Kind regards,

Miss Lucy and the Grade 2 teachers.