



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

September 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Grade 2! It has been wonderful meeting the children and watching them settle into their new classes over these past few days. The teachers are looking forward to working with your support, to help your child progress over this coming academic year. Listed below are the e-mail addresses of the Grade 2 teachers for your convenience:

- 2LU (2A) – Ms. Lucy lucy@albasmaschool.ae
2RO (2B) – Ms. Rochelle rochelle.r@albasmaschool.ae
2CA (2C) – Ms. Caitlyn caitlyn.t@albasmaschool.ae
2SA (2D) – Ms. Saima saima@albasmaschool.ae
2CAR (2E) – Ms. Carole carole.k@albasmaschool.ae
2CI (2G) – Mr. Ciaran ciaran.g@albasmaschool.ae

The Grade 2 leader is Ms. Lucy, and the Vice Principal (Primary) is Ms. Ruth (ruth.duncan@albasmaschool.ae) Please e-mail your child's class teacher if you have any questions throughout the year. They will be more than happy to answer any queries you may have. Email is our primary form of communication in Grade 2 so please check your emails regularly.

Curriculum

English – We are starting our genre of 'Traditional Tales', looking in particular at the stories of 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'The Little Red Hen'. We will read, sequence and act out the stories. We will also be writing our own stories based on these traditional tales, changing the characters, the setting and the problems that the main characters face. We will practise using speech marks in our stories, remembering to always include capital letters and full stops in our sentences.

Maths – We have started to explore the tricky topic of Place Value e.g. knowing that 4 tens and 3 units equals 43; 2 hundreds, 3 tens and 6 units equals 236. We will start to solve addition and subtraction calculations with one, two and three digit numbers mentally (up to 1000), and will be beginning to use the formal column method for addition.

Science – We will discuss what we need for our bodies to work e.g. healthy foods, and explore the terms 'Carnivore, Omnivore and Herbivore' and their particular definitions in greater depth.

Most of our Foundation Subjects (History, Art and DT) are linked to the Stone Age, a part of British History, and we will start to research how people lived in this era. In Art, we will also be studying the famous artist, Pablo Picasso, linked to our Computing topic of Computer Art.

Bug Club

Bug Club is a highly useful tool in aiding your child's reading comprehension and fluency. All children in Grade 2 should have received a username and password to access Bug Club. Please encourage your child to read to you for at least 5 minutes 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. Your co-operation is much appreciated, thank you.

Stationery and Copy books

Please ensure your child has the correct stationery and copy books in school. All children should have a **labelled** pencil, eraser, ruler and in particular, a **glue stick** and **whiteboard marker** in their pencil case at all times. Their learning is affected by not having these items in school. Thank you. May we also ask all parents to ensure that their child has all required copy books in school, in particular a red English copy book, a blue Maths copy book, a pink Humanities copy book, and a green Science copy book. In addition we require a red English homework book and a blue Maths homework book. It is very difficult to record and assess your child's learning if these books are not in school as we do not use textbooks in class. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

The Grade 2 copy book pack is available in the city store:

Bizzaro – Creative Education Services
Al Najda Street, Opposite Grand Al Mariah Cinema,
The Delma Interiors Building (New Shams Pharmacy), Mezzanine Floor. Tel: 026262298

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform by checking this link to our uniform section on the school website: www.albasmaschool.ae/pages/news/school-uniform. It is very helpful if your child's uniform is **clearly labelled** with their name in case it becomes misplaced.

Water bottles and Allergies

Please do make sure your child has a labelled water bottle in school every day. There are water fountains in school where they are able to fill up as and when required. We are also a **NUT FREE** school. Please do **NOT** bring any nuts into school as they cause severe allergic reactions in some children in our school. Thank you.

We are very much looking forward to meeting you again in the near future, and thank you in advance for your attendance at the meet the teacher event. We will be sending the presentations and Parent Handbook soon by email and on the website for those parents who couldn't attend. If you are not receiving emails or texts please let the class teacher know and they will check your contact details on the system.

Kind regards,

Miss Lucy and the Grade 2 teachers.