



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

Grade 3 Curriculum Guide

February 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to all parents who attended the Parents Evenings in January, we enjoyed meeting you to discuss your child's progress and targets.

We have a new member of staff in Grade 3, Ms Jasmine. She has replaced Mr Paul as class 3D homeroom teacher. Ms Jasmine will be available to meet you within the next few weeks to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have. Until then, her email address is provided at the bottom of this curriculum guide. More information will be sent to you soon.

Please be aware that as published in the ADEK approved calendar on the website Al Basma will be closed on Thursday February 8th due to half term. We hope that you and your children enjoy the long weekend!

Please find the curriculum guide for February outlined below.

Kind regards,

Mr Matthew, Grade 3 Leader

English

In English this month, Grade 3 will be learning how to write an "explanation text". They will learn how to write an explanation of how something works, such as a dishwasher or a microwave. They will understand the importance of writing an explanation in a logical order, and including 'how' and 'why' something works. To make this unit of writing more fun and accessible, we will be using Wallace and Gromit's "Cracking Contraptions" video to help us.

Every Thursday, the children will have a spelling and grammar lesson in order to improve their writing skills. The children will be tested on spellings once a week.

Maths

In Maths this month, some Grade 3 children will be continuing with their number work, and recapping "Addition and Subtraction" and "Multiplication and Division". We feel it is important to return to these areas of Maths regularly because a good knowledge of number is the foundation for areas of Maths, such as angles, shapes and statistics.

Other Grade 3 children will learn about measurement, such as weight, length and capacity, and how to convert between different units of measurement, such as centimeters and meters. They will also begin work on "Fractions", how to find a fraction of a unit or a shape, how to find equivalent fractions and how to add and subtract fractions.

Every Thursday, the children will take part in the "99 club", which is a weekly challenge to assess their addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills. There are 9 levels, with children receiving a certificate each time they complete a level.

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Topic

In Topic this month, Grade 3 will continue with their learning about “The Tudors”. They will build Tudor houses using cardboard, paint and glue and they will understand how and why Tudor houses are so different to today’s houses. They will also be learning about rich and poor people in Tudor times, and the vast differences between these two different lifestyles. Finally, they will learn about famous Tudors, such as William Shakespeare and Sir Francis Drake. They will also continue their studies of Tudor monarchs, such as Mary I and Elizabeth I.

Science

In Science this month, Grade 3 will continue their studies of “Animals Including Humans”, where they will learn about the types and functions of teeth, and the importance of dental hygiene. They will be conducting an experiment about tooth decay using different liquids, carefully recording their observations and results and drawing scientific conclusions from these results. They will also be learning about food chains – producers, predators and prey in the animal kingdom.

Towards the end of February, Grade 3 will begin to study “Electricity”, where they will identify electrical appliances within school and home, and begin to understand the different components of electrical circuits. More information will be given about this within the weekly overview.

Stationery required in your child’s pencil case

White board pen
White board eraser
Pencil
Pencil eraser
Blue or black ball point pen
Red pen
Glue stick
Ruler
Sharpener
Scissors
Protractor
Coloured pencils
Highlighters green and yellow

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