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INTO LEARNING!

## Grade 3 Curriculum Guide

October 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Grade 3 staff hope that your children have had a good start to the school year. We have enjoyed teaching them and getting to know them. Thank you to those parents who came to see us on the recent "Meet the Teacher" evening. We enjoyed meeting you.

All children should have their Bug Club usernames and passwords by now. If your child still does not have this, please contact their homeroom teacher and they will give you this information as soon as possible. It is important that children read for between 5-15 minutes each night to improve their English skills. This is the easiest way to improve your childrens' levels in all subjects.

Homework for English and Maths will be given out on paper and put on BRIC every Sunday. Weekly spelling lists will be given out every Thursday, and they will be tested the following Thursday.

Please ensure that your child has their school ID badge, especially on their library day, as this is necessary for them to be able to borrow books from the library. It also helps the staff to check that children are in the right place at the end of each school day.

On **Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>**, Grade 3 will be having a special "Ancient Egypt" day, where they will dress as Ancient Egyptians, play games, eat Egyptian food and many other exciting activities. More information will be sent out about this by the Grade 3 team as soon as possible.

The Grade 3 Team are always available via email if you have any questions or concerns.

The curriculum guide for October is outlined below.

Kind regards,

Mr Matthew, Grade 3 Leader

### **English**

In English, Grade 3 will be learning about "Newspapers". They will be learning about the features of newspaper articles, such as headlines, the 5W's, quotes and captions. They will then use what they have learned to plan and write their own newspaper article.

After half term, the children will be learning about "Narrative and Story Settings", using their creativity and imagination to describe settings using their senses and interesting adjectives.

Every Thursday, the children will have a spelling and grammar lesson in order to improve their writing skills.

### **Maths**

In Maths, Grade 3 will be continuing their work on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Children will practice solving problems using formal written methods, and

mental methods, as well as solving real-life word problems in context. After this, Grade 3 will be beginning their studies on "Measurement", solving problems involving length, weight and capacity through hands on, practical activities.

Every Thursday, the children will take part in the "99 club", which is a weekly challenge to test their addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills. The tests have 9 levels, with children receiving a certificate each time they pass a level.

### **Topic**

In Topic, Grade 3 will be continuing their work on "Ancient Egypt". They will be learning about the different roles that Ancient Egyptian people had in society, as well as how to write in Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs. The children will also be learning about the discovery of Tutankhamun, and the mummification process that pharaohs went through when they died, and the artefacts that they were buried with. The children will compare Egypt and the UAE.

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### **Science**

In Science this month, we will be continuing our work on "Living Things and their Habitats". The children will be identifying different animal groups, and how animals are put into these categories based on their features. The children will also begin to use classification keys as a way to group and identify animals. Finally, children will learn how changes in habitats can affect animals.

After half term, the children will begin their work on "States of Matter", where they will learn about solids, liquids and gases.

### **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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