



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

March 2018

Dear parents and guardians,

We hope those classes who have had a chance to attend the Captain Tony's boat tour enjoyed their day and learnt lots of new facts about the mangroves and marine life. G4B and G4G will attend on Sunday 18th March as unfortunately weather conditions did not allow for us to attend as planned on 25/2/18. If your child did not attend and you would like them to go on the trip on Sunday 18th March please contact Ms Helen who can arrange for them to attend.

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Curriculum

English

We have recently finished our Big Write task and we will be moving on to focus on narrative poetry. We will be exploring a given poem, its language, structure and layout and how poets use rhyming couplets within their writing. We will be exploring language used within poetry and how poets convey meaning through words which may not be used in every day English language. We will be working on planning and writing our own short poems. We will also be learning about use of alliteration within poetry as well as different types of poetry including acrostic.

Assessment week will commence week beginning 11th March. During this week children will be assessed on spellings words relating to their current spelling phases as well as completing a short writing task to confirm teacher judgements.

We will be continuing with our weekly spelling test every Thursday. Please ensure you are supporting your child in practising their spellings each week. Spellings are an important part of children's learning, they should be practised and learnt so children can achieve better progress in their writing across the year.

Maths

In maths we have recently completed our topic of multiples, factors and prime numbers. We will be moving on to learn written methods for division, including using the bus stop method and long division.

Please support your child by helping them to practise their times table and division facts. Later on in March we will be moving on to learn about percentages. We will be learning how to recognise the percent symbol (%) and understand that percent relates to 'number of parts per hundred' as well as learning to write percentages as a fraction with denominator 100, and as a decimal.

Children in Grade 4 are expected to know their times tables up to 12x12. Please ensure you are supporting your child at home to practise their times tables. Ensure children are secure in 2x, 5x and 10x before moving onto 4x and 9x then 3x and 6x and finally 7x and 8x, 11x and 12x. Please see below for a list of useful maths websites which you can use at home to help children learn their times tables.

<https://komodomath.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-learning-times-tables>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

<https://www.timestables.com>

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Science

In Science we are continuing with our topic of 'Living things and their habitats'. We will be learning how plants reproduce through pollination, germination and seed dispersal. We will be classifying vascular and non-vascular plants and we will be conducting an experiment to test which environments provide the best growth for plants.

Topic

In topic we will be finishing our topic of 'The Victorians' by learning about the types of toys which children played with and comparing them with toys which we have today. We will be moving on to learn about our new Geography topic 'Europe'. We will be learning about rivers and volcanoes in Europe as well as the terrains of different European countries.

Moral Education

In Moral Education we are learning about 'Travel, trade and communication's influence on culture'. We will be learning how the first trade routes were established around the world and what items were traded between different countries. We will also be learning about the importance of camels in the history of the UAE and how they have been used as transport for thousands of years.

Homework and weekly spelling tests

Your child will receive homework every Sunday. Please return completed homework by Wednesday of each week. Homework is now being loaded onto Bric. Please ensure you log on and print the homework for your child. If you experience difficulty with this please contact your child's homeroom teacher or their teacher for Math or English who will be happy to help.

Thank you for your support.

With kind regards, The Grade 4 team.