



PUTTING THE FUN BACK  
INTO LEARNING!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to thank all of the parents who attended and supported the Al Basma Reading Week. We were delighted to see so many parents signing up to come into class and read to the children. Both teachers and children thoroughly enjoyed the morning.

A polite reminder that no football shoes or football kits are allowed in school. Please ensure that children are sent to school wearing their correct uniform and shoes.

Ms Zubaida is currently on sick leave for a period of 2 weeks. Whilst Ms Zubaida is absent cover teachers will continue to deliver planned Maths and English lessons. If you have any queries please contact Ms. Helen on the email provided below.

Please continue to use email to contact any of the Grade 4 teachers regarding queries or concerns. Emails are listed below.

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### Curriculum

English – In English we will be focusing on story writing. We will be reading a story in class called 'Ronald the Rhino'. We will be focusing on the structure of the story and learning how to write a beginning, middle and end. We will be revisiting our knowledge of descriptive writing and using this to explore the setting and characters in the story and also using it to plan and write our own stories towards the end of the two week topic.

Maths – In maths we will be focusing on the topic of measurement; learning how to calculate the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes and also number and word problems, learning how to solve problems involving multiplication and division including using their knowledge of factors and multiples, squares and cubes.

We will continue with weekly mental maths and times table tests in class. Please support your child at home by helping them to practise their times tables each week.

Science – In Science, we will be continuing with our topic called 'Properties and changes to materials'. We will be learning about how to separate mixtures using different processes including filtering, sieving, decanting and magnetic separation. A Science project has been set linked to this topic which is due on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

In topic we will be continuing with our topic of Europe. We will be learning about the Rivers in Europe, identifying the names of the rivers and locating them on a map of Europe. We will be investigating the lengths of the rivers as well as the river sources.

### Bug Club

Please continue to encourage your child to read to you each night to further improve their reading fluency and comprehension skills. The website for bug club is [www.activelearn.co.uk](http://www.activelearn.co.uk) . If your child has misplaced their username or password please email the homeroom teacher. Reading is a vital part of your child's education. All of the books on bug club contain reading comprehension questions which your child should answer as they read.

### Stationery

Please ensure your child has a complete set of stationery ready for term three. Stationery should be labelled clearly with your child's name and class.

### Healthy lunchboxes

Grade 4 teachers have noticed a big improvement in children bringing healthier options into school. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school which they can refill throughout the day.

### Toys

Please be reminded that 'spinner type' toys are not allowed in school due to health and safety reasons. Please do not allow children to bring the spinning toys into school.

Kind regards,

The Grade 4 teachers.