



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Grade 5 team hope that your child has had a good Spring holiday, and that they are feeling refreshed and ready to learn for Term 3.

As the weather is getting hotter, we have told children not to wear fleeces outdoors for their own safety.

Please ensure that children do not bring junk food into school such as chocolate, cookies or energy drinks. If your child is celebrating a birthday then they are welcome to bring in cakes for that day. Please leave birthday cakes in reception ready sliced and wrapped for distribution to children. Please also ensure that your child does not bring in any nuts or seeds as we have a few children at Al Basma that are allergic to these items.

As always, please ensure that your child arrives to school on time, in the correct uniform, and that they don't get picked up early if at all possible.

The curriculum guide for April is outlined below.

English

In English, the children will be studying "Playscripts" and how to write a playscript using organisational devices, such as colons to indicate the speaker and brackets to indicate the stage directions. They will have the opportunity to develop their speaking and listening skills by performing playscripts.

Later in the month, children will be studying "Matilda" by Roald Dahl. As well as studying the story and the events within the story, they will also be identifying common themes and inferring characters' thoughts and feelings.

Maths

In Maths this month, children will be studying "Statistics", where they will be learning how to read and interpret pie charts and line graphs, and identifying patterns within data. They will also be conducting surveys and creating their own charts and graphs to display the data.

After this, they will be recapping work on Number and Place Value, where they will revisit work on multiplication, division, addition, subtraction and rounding decimal numbers. Some children will be given the opportunity to be introduced to "Algebra" in preparation for their transition to the secondary school in Grade 6.

Topic

In Topic, we will be continuing our work on Rainforests and Rivers. Children will be learning about the features of rivers, where they begin and end, and using correct geographical vocabulary to describe different parts of rivers.

Later in the month, we will begin our new topic of "Britain after 1066", where the children will be learning about different periods in British history.

Science

In Science, the children will be continuing their work on Electricity. They will be predicting if a circuit will work then testing their circuits to see if their predictions were correct. They will also have an opportunity to experiment with different electrical equipment including motors, buzzers and switches.

Later in the month, the children will be studying "Evolution and Inheritance". Children will be learning about how and why certain traits are inherited from their parents (e.g. eye colour and height) and they will be introduced to the theory of evolution in animals.

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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Many thanks,

The Grade 5 Team