



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time in the morning and they stay for the entire day. Grade 4 is an important year and we do not want children to miss out on their education. Increasing attendance is a whole school priority for this term. You should ensure your child attends school as much as possible in order to maximize their attainment and progress. Thank you for your support in maximizing your child's attendance and punctuality.

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 – We will be focusing on grammar and punctuation, learning how to use prefixes and suffixes, the use of commas after fronted adverbials and throughout sentences and paragraphs. We will also be learning different types of sentences which can help to make our writing more lively and interesting.

We will be focusing on the genre of newspaper reports. We will be learning about the layout and structure of newspaper reports and the type of language used. We will be identifying these features through reading a variety of different newspaper reports before we plan, draft, write and publish our own.

Maths – In maths we will be focusing on recognising the percentage symbol (%) and understanding that percent relates to 'number of parts per hundred'. We will be learning how to write percentages as a fraction with denominator 100, and as a decimal. We will also focus on solving problems which require knowledge of percentage and decimal equivalents of $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{5}$, $\frac{2}{5}$, $\frac{4}{5}$ and those fractions with a denominator of a multiple of 10 or 25.

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 starting a new topic called 'Properties and changes to materials'. We will be identifying what we already know about this topic as well as thinking critically about what we would like to learn during this topic. We will begin by focusing on the properties of solids, liquids and gases.

In topic we will be starting a new Geography topic all about Europe. We will focus on the countries and capital cities within Europe, as well as exploring which mountains and volcanoes can be found within Europe and comparing the features with the UAE.

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 . 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 the start of term two. 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.

Please remember cheetos and sweets are not allowed in school even during golden time. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Kind regards,

The Grade 4 teachers.