



PUTTING THE FUN BACK  
INTO LEARNING!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **Parents Evening**

Thank you to all those parents who attended parent's evening last week. It was fantastic to see so many of you and to have the time to discuss your child's progress. Thank you for all of your support.

### **Upcoming Trip**

This month we will be going on a trip to the Falcon Hospital. The children will go on a specific day during the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> February. This is a great opportunity for the children and we hope that everyone will be able to go. Please return the consent slip and the payment to your child's class teacher by the 7<sup>th</sup> February so that they will be able to join us. If you have any questions, please email the class teacher.

### **English**

This month, we will be continuing the story 'The Rainbow Fish'. We will be using the characters and the setting of this story as a basis for our story writing. We will be focusing on using 'WOW' words and connectives to extend our writing and to try to describe what we have read. The children will be spending time retelling the story to make sure they are fully familiar with it to aid their writing.



Later in the month we will be starting with our Poetry unit. The children will be introduced to rhyme and rhyming words through friendship poems. During February, the children will be learning a rhyming poem through actions and drama. They will be identifying the rhyming words and ordering the poem by matching rhyming sentences.

### **Maths**

In Maths we will be introducing Division. The children will learn how to share objects and numbers into even groups. The children will be taught through practical activities, dividing using concrete objects. Later in the month, we will be learning Fractions. The children will be introduced to half and quarter. We will begin by cutting shapes into halves and quarters, before we look at fractions of numbers. This is another great opportunity for your child to help you at home in the kitchen, cutting vegetables into half and quarters, dividing food equally between their family. It is a great way to develop their Mathematical skills by applying new skills to real life situations.

We will then move onto the Measurements unit by looking at Mass. We will learn what mass is, how we measure mass, and we will begin to weigh and compare objects. The children will learn how to write the weight of an object and order from lightest to heaviest. This is a great opportunity for you to work with your child at home to do some measuring and baking.



## Science



At the beginning of the month, we will be continuing our plants topic and investigating how plants grow. As the month continues, we will begin our Materials unit. The children will explore different materials and begin to think about their properties, e.g. Metal is shiny, smooth and hard. Glass is hard and transparent. We will learn to sort various objects into material categories and explore objects made from more than one material. We will then begin to look at their uses, e.g. glass is transparent so we can see through it so we use it in windows.

## Topic

In Geography we will continue our explorer's topic. We will be learning about Christopher Columbus. Alongside this we will be introducing our Map Skills unit. The children will explore maps in books, on the computer and in atlases. We will be learning to identify and locate different countries on a map, for example, the UAE and the UK. We will recap our knowledge on the 7 Continents and 5 Oceans and see whether the children can find them on a map. If you have any maps at home, please encourage your child to explore and look for different countries.



## Bug Club

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>

(user name and password required from homeroom teacher – Bug Club)

Please actively use Bug Club to listen to your child read every day. Please encourage them to answer the questions by clicking on the bug within the text. Please contact your homeroom teacher if you need any further information or support.



**Websites** - Below are some useful websites which you can use at home. There are lots of games which you could play together with your child, to consolidate our Maths and English learning.

## **Phonics/ English**

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk> (user name and password required from homeroom teacher – Bug Club)

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play/>

<http://www.abcya.com>

<http://www.busythings.co.uk>

## **Maths**

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=sharingv2>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=dartboarddoublesandhalves>

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/monkeydrive/addition/MAddDoubles.htm>

## **Contact details for teachers:**

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Many thanks for your continued  
support.

The KG2 team.