



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Stationery

The children are beginning to run low on their classroom stationery and we would like to request that you replenish your child's stationery as soon as possible. We do not require the whole stationery pack as they still have some items left. At the moment, they only need white board pens to be sent in. It is important that your child is fully equipped for school to ensure that learning is not disrupted.

Spring Break

We are approaching our Spring break at the end of this month. The children will leave for vacation on Thursday 22nd March and return to school on Sunday 8th April. We would like to wish you all a restful time and look forward to an exciting Summer term.

English

This month, we will be introducing the story 'The Gruffalo'. It is a very popular children's book and the children will have lots of fun following the adventure of a Gruffalo. Our unit this month is Instructions. This means we will be writing instructions for different events. The children will be taken on a literacy adventure to catch the Gruffalo. We will then recall what steps we have taken and order our journey using actions, photographs and drama. We will write instructions so other children can follow them and find the Gruffalo!



Maths

In Maths, we will be exploring o'clock and half past in more detail, moving on to word problems involving time. The children will learn about the clock face, the numbers 1 to 12 around the edge and the hour and minute hand. It would be beneficial for your child if you could recap this at home. You could make a play clock using a paper plate and ask your child to show different times by moving the hands around.

Whole, Half, Quarter



Later, we will be introducing fractions. The children will begin to learn how to halve and quarter shapes before moving on to numbers. This is a lovely practical unit and can be recapped at home. You could ask your child to cut their sandwich into halves or quarters, or cut fruits and vegetables.

Science

During this month, we will complete our Materials unit. The children have been learning materials' names and their properties. They will now begin to plan and carry out a class investigation about materials and their uses. For example, designing a raincoat for a teddy bear, ensuring that the material is waterproof and not absorbent. Please revisit the scientific vocabulary with your child at home, e.g. transparent, opaque, and absorbent.



Topic



In Geography we are continuing our Map Skills unit. The children have been exploring the world map and revisiting their understanding of the 7 Continents. This month, we will be looking at the countries that make up the Middle East, as well as learning about the 7 Emirates. The children will also be able to use their directions and map skills to locate landmarks in Abu Dhabi.

In Art, we will be exploring the work of Kandinsky. The children will explore the use of colour and shapes in Kandinsky's work. They will then begin to learn the techniques of creating their own Kandinsky inspired artwork. Later, we will be displaying a KG2 Art Gallery for our children around school to come and view.



Bug Club

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

(If misplaced, Bug Club user name and password can be requested from your homeroom teacher)

Please actively use this website to listen to your child read every day. Please encourage them to answer the questions by clicking on the bug within the text. 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 can play together with your child, to consolidate their 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/Search.aspx?q=fractions>

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

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

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Many thanks for your continued support.

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