



PUTTING THE FUN BACK  
INTO LEARNING!

October 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **Meet the Teacher**

It was so lovely to meet so many of you at the meet the teacher evening. We enjoyed sharing all of the exciting things we have planned for KG2 this year. Thank you for your continued support.

### **KG2 Shared Area**

We are very excited to continue to be able to use our shared area in KG2. The children have had lots of fun exploring the different areas and learning through play. This is a fantastic way to ensure the transition from KG1 runs as smoothly as possible. The children are able to use the shared area once a day in small groups. We are encouraging the children to take care of our resources and to make sure things are tidied away nicely before the next group arrives.

### **Stationery and Book Packs**

It is very important that your child has purchased the school book pack and either the school starter stationery pack or the equivalent items from elsewhere as we have begun to use these in our lessons. Without the basic stationery, children cannot access the learning opportunities provided. Each child in KG2 must bring in a pencil case which is labelled with their name. In KG2 we would prefer for the children to keep their pencil cases in school to help develop independence. Please ensure your child is fully equipped for school. Teachers will email to inform you when your child's supply of any item needs replacing. Pencil cases should include; a hb pencil, an eraser, a sharpener, a whiteboard pen, coloured pencils, a whiteboard eraser, a glue stick, scissors and a ruler.

### **English**

In English, we have started our story 'Funnybones'. The children will begin to become familiar with the story and start to try to join in with repeated phrases to retell the story. The children will go on a '*Literacy Adventure*' through the story of Funny Bones and will explore the skeleton cellar teachers have set up and begin to write sentences about what they see. The children will be challenged to use descriptive language to talk and write about the characters in the story and the setting. We will have the main focus on sentence structure this term and the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will be using talk for writing to encourage speaking and listening. Children will learn the story through a variety of methods including actions, movement, drama, story maps and sequencing. It would be great if you could get your child to retell the story to you at home as much as possible.

### **Maths**

In Maths, we will be continuing to focus on Number and Place Value. We will continue to use different methods to subtract numbers up to 20, for example, using a number line and subtracting using physical objects. We will then apply these methods to answer simple word problems, for example, 'Ahmed bought 10 sweets and ate 4. How many sweets does Ahmed have left?' You can create simple practical problems like these at home to help your child to apply their methods of addition and subtraction. We will also be spending time learning about 2D shape and starting to list

their properties and use the correct vocabulary. We will be using shapes to build models and will start to try to talk about why we have used certain shapes.

## **Science**

This month in Science, we will be exploring Ourselves and discussing our similarities and differences, for example, height, eye colour, hair colour and nationalities.

We will be starting to look at the 5 senses and thinking about how important they are. We will explore the senses in a variety of ways and start to use different descriptive language to describe what we can see, hear, touch, taste and smell.

We will also begin our Animals unit, discussing pets and sorting animals by their features and classification. The children will be discussing and describing their favourite animals and will learn which animal group they belong to; Mammals, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds, Fish or Insects.

## **Topic**

In Topic, we will be continuing to learn about ourselves and the countries that we are all from. We will be thinking about the similarities and differences between ourselves and the places we are from. We will be starting to think about the UAE and the country that we live in, focusing on our school and our surroundings.

In Art and DT, we will be designing a school and class flag. The children will design and plan the process of making their flag, experiment using different colours and materials and finally create their flag for display.

## **Bug Club**

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

Please actively use this app 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=pictograms>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/>

<http://www.ictgames.com/subtraction.htm>

**Contact details for teachers:**

Please find below the contact details for all teachers within Grade KG2.

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Many thanks for your support.

The KG2 team.