



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

KG2 Term 1 2017 Curriculum Guide

Dear Parents,

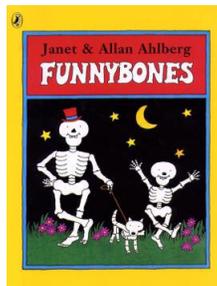
Welcome back to Al Basma British School to all the returning Parents and children. I also wish to welcome all the new parents and children joining Al Basma this academic year. Welcome to KG2!

I hope you have all had a good and restful summer holiday!

Starting KG2 is a big transition for children and parents. It marks the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage as the children embark on the English National Curriculum. We are working hard to make these transitions as easy for the children as we can. In partnership with you, we can do it. I hope you all read through the transition letter we sent home with your children at the end of KG1 last term. If you did not and would like to receive another copy, please talk to your class teacher who can email you one. We wish the children and parents a smooth return to school and hope everyone is quick to settle in.

Curriculum Overview

English:



In English, we will begin by writing all about ourselves. The children will create their own 'all about me' book, describing themselves from when they were babies to now. It would be fantastic if you could send in a baby photograph of your child for us to copy or send one by email to your homeroom teacher.

This month, we will be reading the story "**Funny Bones**", by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. Funny Bones is a lovely story about a big skeleton, a small skeleton and a skeleton dog. They live in a cellar in a house, on a dark, dark street in a dark, dark town. We will be reading all about the adventures of the skeletons and practising our sentence writing.

Our main focus of the month will be to use our phonics knowledge to sound out and spell tricky words to form sentences. We will continue to reinforce sentence writing as began in KG1; using

a capital letter to start a sentence, using finger spaces between words and ending sentences with a full stop. The children will be working at developing their ability to order the story and sequence key points. Please encourage your children to tell you about the story each day and to retell it in their own way imagining different endings.

Mathematics:



In Mathematics, we will be focusing on place value, number recognition and formation, addition and subtraction. The children will be practising writing their numbers and to independently count forwards and backwards to and from 20.

We will be teaching the children different practical strategies to add and subtract numbers to 20. It would be greatly appreciated if you could continue to practise this at home so that your child feels confident with numbers and can do calculations using physical objects, as well as mentally in their heads.

You could help at home by giving the children natural opportunities to count on and backwards, for example by, counting forwards as they climb up stairs and backwards as they climb down the stairs, counting objects around the house, counting toys etc.

Science:



This month in Science, we will be focusing on the human body and the 5 senses. We will be learning to identify the parts of the body and will begin to describe what they are used for. The children will be exploring their senses to understand what their senses are used for. This is a great unit in Science, as the children will be engaged with practical activities and learning through rhymes and songs. A great one to try at home is, 'heads, shoulders, knees and toes', encouraging your child to point to the different body parts.

Topic:



This month the children will be learning all about 'Ourselves'. We will be talking about growing up and our families. The children will be creating a family tree and describing the different members of their family.

In Art, we will be concentrating on the use of colour and shading. We will be drawing self-portraits and using different materials to create pictures of our family members.

Bug Club:



<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk> (user name and password will be emailed by homeroom teacher).

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

Useful Websites:

Below are some useful websites which you can use at home. There are lots of games to play together with your child in order to consolidate their learning in Mathematics and English.

Phonics & English:

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk> (user name and password to be emailed by homeroom teacher)

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

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

<http://www.abcya.com>

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

Mathematics:

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers>

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

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

OTHER POINTS TO NOTE:**School Day:**

The school starts at 7.50am and finishes at 2:35pm.

Please ensure that your child is on time every morning having had the recommended 10 to 12 hours of sleep for young children.

Uniform:

Ensure that your child comes in their full school uniform every day. Details are included in the contact book.

To prevent accidents especially during play, jewellery of any kind should not be worn. If girls must wear earrings, these must be small studs. Any ring or hanging ones will be removed and sent home. No chains or necklaces please as these can get caught on slides and other play equipment. Hair should be tied back for girls.

Please provide at least **one change of clothing** including underwear in case of any accidents.

Food:

Please pack a healthy lunch and snack for your child. Any junk food, chocolate and sweets will be sent back home unopened.

Please send water or a water bottle with children to school every day.

We are a completely nut free institution as we have certain staff and children with severe nut allergies. Please do not pack nuts in any form in your children's lunch boxes.

In school we encourage children to eat at their pace during meal times. However we do not feed or force children to eat. We encourage and support full independence in this area.

Toileting

As you know from KG1, your child should be fully toilet trained by now. We therefore do not give that kind of personal care except for the odd unexpected accident. We encourage and expect children to be completely independent in their own personal care.

Stationery and Book Packs

It is very important that your child has purchased the school book and stationery pack. 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 as they start. Teachers will email you when your child's

supply runs out. Please do not send the entire stationery pack to school. The teacher will let you know which books to send into school and when more are required.

Communication

If you need to communicate with any member of the KG2 Team:

- Your children have been issued with a contact book. Please use this for any needed daily communication with the teacher. It is important that you check these diaries and sign them every day to facilitate a good home/school partnership. Also, please ensure that your child brings it to school every day.
- Send an email.
- Telephone the school and book an appointment that is convenient to both of you.

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Happy New Term to you all!

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