



PUTTING THE FUN BACK  
INTO LEARNING!

September 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to KG2! It has been so lovely to meet all of the children and watch them settle into their new classes. We have had lots of fun learning all about healthy eating and reading about a 'Very Hungry Caterpillar'.



## Healthy Lunches

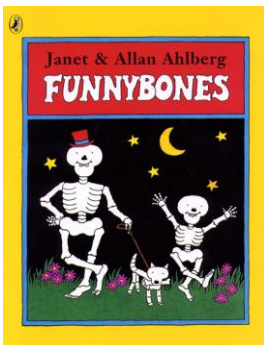
We have been teaching the importance of a healthy diet to the children and here at Al Basma, we encourage healthy eating in school. It is essential that your child brings a healthy snack and lunch to school every day. This will have a great impact on their concentration and motivation in the classroom. It is also very important that every child has a water bottle in school to ensure they stay hydrated throughout the day. Thank you for your support.

## Stationery and Book Packs

It is very important that your child has purchased the school book pack and stationery pack 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 on Sunday. Teachers will email to inform you when your child's supply of any item needs replacing.

## English

In English, we have begun to write all about ourselves. The children will create their own 'all about me' book, describing themselves from a baby as they grow up. It would be fantastic if you could send in a baby photograph of your child for us to copy or if you could send one via email to your homeroom teacher.



During 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 this month will be to use our phonics knowledge to sound out and spell tricky words to form sentences. We will then be aiming to use a capital letter to start a sentence, using finger spaces between words and ending sentences with a full stop. The children will be developing their ability to order the story and sequence key points. Please encourage your children to tell you about the story each day and retell it in their own way.

## Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on place value, number recognition and formation, addition and subtraction.

The children should be practising writing their numbers and should aim to independently count forwards and backwards up to 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 work out calculations using physical objects as well as mentally in their heads. Some ideas for home are; counting the steps forwards and backwards as they climb up and down the stairs, counting objects around the house and counting toys.

We will be teaching Maths with lots of practical and engaging activities to help the children feel secure and develop a good understanding of number.



## 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 begin to describe what they are used for. The children will be exploring their senses and 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 family. The children will be creating a family tree and describing the different members in 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 required from school – Bug Club)

Please actively use this 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 school – 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/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers>

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

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

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Many thanks for your support.

The KG2 team.