



PUTTING THE FUN BACK  
INTO LEARNING!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **Stationery**

We are beginning to run low on our classroom stationery and we would like to request that you replenish your child's stationery as soon as possible. This includes; a pack of whiteboard pens, HB writing pencils and a pack of colouring pencils. It is important that your child is fully equipped for school to ensure that learning is not disrupted.

### **Half Term Break**

We are approaching our half term break this month. The children will leave for vacation on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and return to school on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April. We would like to wish you all a restful half term and we look forward to an exciting Term 3.

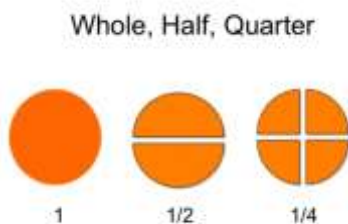
### **English**

This month, we will be introducing the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', by Michael Rosen. This is a very popular children's book and the children will have lots of fun following the adventure of a bear hunt. Our unit this month is Recount writing. This means retelling an event or experience. The children will be taken on a Literary adventure to catch the bear. We will then recall what steps we have taken and order our journey using actions, photographs and drama. We will focus on the use of time connectives to order our adventure and the use of descriptive language to make our writing more exciting.



### **Maths**

In Maths, we will be learning how to divide objects and numbers into groups equally. The children will learn different strategies for division, sharing and grouping. The children will then begin to write and solve division calculations using the division symbol.



Later, we will be introducing fractions. The children will begin to learn how to halve and quarter shapes before moving on to number. 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.

Towards the end of the month, we will be recapping our knowledge and understanding of Time. The children have learned about the clock face, the numbers 1 to 12 around the edge and the hour and minute hand.

This month, we will be exploring o'clock and half past in more detail. Again, 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.

## 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 all 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 and 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 user name and password can be requested from homeroom teacher – Bug Club)

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. 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 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.

The KG2 team.