



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

Pre KG Curriculum

Spring Term 2018

Dear parents and guardians,

Happy New Year!

We hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable Winter break and are now ready for the start of a new term.

We look forward to sharing another term of partnership with you as we continue to teach your children.

CURRICULUM

Just a quick reminder that our Curriculum, the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS) is a **Play Based** curriculum.

The EYFS curriculum has seven areas of learning and development:

- Three (3) Prime Areas namely Communication and Language (CL), Personal Social and Emotional Development (PSED), Physical Development (PD).
- Four (4) specific areas namely Literacy (L), Mathematics (M), Understanding the World (UW), Expressive Arts and Design (EAD).

This term we will continue to emphasise development in the Prime areas as they are the foundations for future learning which underpin your children's progress. The prime areas will be used in this term's target setting meetings, so you can continue to support your child's development in these areas at home.

Please plan to attend the parents evening as it is a very important collaboration opportunity with the homeroom teachers. The dates will be the 14th and 21st of January. The exact timings will be communicated by Miss Janine.

THEMES FOR THE TERM

For the first half of term 2, we have planned learning activities in the seven (7) areas of learning around our topic "**Journeys and Transport**" and for the second half of the term our seven (7) areas of learning will be planned around our topic of "**Pirates**".

Within these themes, some of the activities will include

- a. Travel Agents
- b. Treasure hunts and treasure maps
- c. Sailing boats and Sea travel
- d. Space and space travel
- e. Treasure maps etc.

As usual, you will receive weekly communication about what will be happening in the coming week week.

Phonics

We will continue to follow the Letters and Sounds phonics program. We will continue to focus and build on phase one sounds which concentrates on listening and attention.

For further information and resources: <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com>

Included with this newsletter, is a brochure on how you can support your child's reading and learning at home.

Mathematics

Mathematics, numbers. Our target for this term will be:

To support children to count from one to ten, recognising numbers out of order and understanding some mathematical terms such as more and less.

OTHER POINTS TO NOTE

School Day:

- School starts at 7.50am and finishes at 11.30 am unless other child care arrangements have been made.
- Please ensure that your child comes to school every day and is on time every morning after a good night's sleep. Recommendation is 10 to 12 hours sleep for under 5s.

Uniform:

- Ensure that your child comes in their full school uniform every day. Details are included in the contact book and on the website.
- 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 hoop or hanging earrings will be removed and sent home. No chains or necklaces please as these can get caught on slides and other play equipment and form a choking hazard.
- Hair should be tied back for girls if it is shoulder length or longer.
- Please provide at least **one change of clothing** including underwear in case of any accidents.

Food:

- Please pack a healthy breakfast, lunch and snack for your child. Any junk food, chocolate and sweets will be sent back home unopened.
- We remind you that 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.
- We also remind you that 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.

Birthday Parties:

If you are going to send a cake and/or other treats for you children to share with their friends, please kindly make sure that:

- The cake is nut free and cut up in portions
- Any goody bags contain only healthy snacks and if you include toys, that they are safe and of an appropriate size for the age of our children.

Toileting:

We remind you that as per our school policy, which you signed when your child joined us last term,

- We do not give personal care in the toilet except for the odd unexpected accident. We encourage and expect children to be independent in their own personal care and fully toilet trained from home.
- We do our best to remind children to use the toilet and they can do this any time they need to, as each of our classrooms has a dedicated toilet facility.

Communication:

If you need to communicate with your child's teacher or with the Head of KG1/Pre KG:

- Telephone the school or email the teacher to book an appointment that is convenient to both of you. This will help avoid disappointment as teachers may not be available for individual unplanned meetings during class time or before or after school.
- Please continue to use your child's contact book 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. Please ensure that your child brings the diary to school every day.
- Send an email. The teacher's email addresses are listed below.

Ms. Janine Pre KG teacher janine@albasmaschool.ae

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From the Early Years Team,

Happy New Year to you all!