



Curriculum Guide

October 2017

Grade 1

“Everyone has potential. Everyone can be the best they can be”.

Dear Parents,

The Grade 1 team hope you have had a lovely holiday with your family. It is a new school year and we look forward to the progress the children will show over their time in Grade 1. This month we will hold a ‘Meet the teacher’/Target setting evening where you can meet your child’s teacher and ask any questions you may have. Please check emails regularly as this will be our main form of communication. The senior teacher for KS1 is Ms Dona and you are welcome to contact her if you have any questions or concerns regarding Grade 1. Email addresses for all Grade 1 staff are located at the end of this guide.

English

This month in English, we will be focusing on: reading, retelling and writing stories in familiar settings. Children will read and discuss a variety of stories, firstly, enjoying the texts as readers, then retelling the stories orally and then in writing. Some of the books we are reading are:

- Jamila the Falcon by Mirham Ricarda Campbell
- Raya’s Globe by Maha Sarraf Shehadeh
- The Pet that Flew/Tilly by Ruth Merttens

We will be having lots of fun with learning about vowel phonemes and new vocabulary words as well as using full stops and capital letters in our writing.

Maths

In Maths this month, we will be looking at numbers and place value as we learn more about addition and subtraction. The children will continue to develop their understanding of the methods for addition and subtraction mentally and using a number line. We will be securing our understanding of number bonds to ten as this will help us to add bigger numbers. We will also be exploring money and measures by recognising coins and bills and by reading time by the hour on analog and digital clocks.

Topic

Our first topic this year is the UAE. We will be exploring what we already know about the country and learning much more! In Geography, we will be locating the UAE on a map and all of the 7 emirates. We will also be looking at some of the famous buildings in the UAE. In History, we will investigate how the UAE has changed over the years and how it looked a long time ago. We will also be learning about some of the famous people from the UAE. In Art we will be drawing and making our own UAE skylines.

Science

In Science, this term, we will be learning about animals including humans. This will include learning about: the human body and body parts, the 5 senses, different animals and about what living things need.

How can you help?

Resources

Here 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

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

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

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com>

Maths

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

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

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

Top Tips

- Please ensure that your child is on time every morning after a good night's sleep. Recommended 9 to 11 hours sleep for school-aged children 6-13 years old.
- Read with or to your child 20-30 minutes every day.
- Continue letting your child bring healthy food for snacks and lunch. 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.

Notices

Stationery packs

Starter stationery packs can be purchased from the uniform or school store . Please ensure all children have the correct stationery. Please ensure your child brings a fully stocked pencil case labelled with their name into school each day.

May we also ask all parents to ensure that their child has all required copy books in school, in particular a red English copy book, a blue Maths copy book, a pink Humanities copy book, and a green Science copy book. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated. In addition we require a red English homework book and a blue Maths homework book. It is very difficult to record and assess your child's learning if these books are not in school as we do not use textbooks in class.

Text books will be available from Magrudy's Bawadi Mall in two to three weeks. Though they are not required, they can be used for homework support.

Contact details for teachers:

Please find below the contact details for all teachers within Grade 1:

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Many thanks for your support.

Best regards,

The Grade 1 Team