



**GARDEN CITY
BRITISH SCHOOL**

Curriculum Guide

October 2017

KG 2

"Everyone has potential. Everyone can be the best they can be".

Dear Parents,

The KG2 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 KG2. 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 KG2. Email addresses for all KG2 staff are located at the end of the guide.

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.

Maths

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.

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.

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.

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.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>

Top Tips

- Please ensure that your child is on time every morning after a good night's sleep. Recommended 10 to 12 hours sleep for children 5-6 years old.
- Read with or read to your child 15-20 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.

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 KG2.

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Many thanks for your support.

Best regards,

The KG2 Team