



25th November 2018

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Our Year 1 Learning Pathway

Dear Parents,

National Day celebrations: We will be holding our annual National Day celebrations on Wednesday 28th November. It will be a non-uniform day in which students are encouraged to wear traditional dress or UAE flag colours. School will **finish at 12noon** on this day so please make arrangements for your child to be collected at this earlier time. Please note: **School will be open as normal on Thursday 29th November.**

Here are some other reminders:

- No nuts of any kind are to be brought into school – this includes peanut butter and nutella.
- No jewellery should be worn on PE days.
- No chocolate in lunchboxes. That means: no nutella, no chocolate pudding/ yoghurt/ milk.
- Please make sure all children's items are labelled.
- Reading books are sent home weekly, please ensure you are sending your child's reading folder to school on their reading day, so the books can be changed.
- Please check the School website and Home communication book every day - there will be some helpful information and some things that we may need from you as parents.

If you need to talk to us, please feel free to e-mail us.

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English: Changes

This week, we will continue to develop the children's writing of instructions. Firstly, the children will construct their own buildings out of biscuits and icing. Then the children will put pictures of what they did into chronological order and write a set of instructions for others to follow.

Here are some ideas for how you could support child's learning at home:

- Ask your child to build something at home and write a set of instructions on how to build it.



Reading

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Reading books are now being sent home each week. Please ensure you are reading these books with your children at home, as it is important your child become familiar with the stories, in order to progress through the reading levels.

Here are some questions you could ask when reading, to help support your child's progress:

Retrieval Questions with Rex

- Who is/are the main character(s)?
- When/where is this story set?
- Which is your favourite/worst/funniest/scariest part of the story? Why?
- Tell me three facts you have learnt from the text.
- Find the part where...



Spelling

This week, there will be no spelling test, due to National Day celebrations.

Below is a list of the common exception words children are expected to be able to spell at the end of Year 1, getting your children to read and write these words regularly will help their progress in both reading and writing.

Year 1 Common Exception Words

the	is	no	one
a	his	go	once
do	has	so	ask
to	I	by	friend
today	you	my	school
of	your	here	put
said	they	there	push
says	be	where	pull
are	he	love	full
were	me	come	house
was	she	some	our



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Maths: Addition and Subtraction

This week, we will be learning about fact families. The children will be investigating how 2 numbers can make another through addition and subtraction.

Topic: Changes

This week, we will be getting ready for National Day celebrations. We will discuss how and why National Day is celebrated. The children will make their own UAE flags ready to show off during our National Day parade on Wednesday.