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(EYFS – Key Stage Leader)

My name is Diane Longmore and I work as part of the Primary Leadership team in the role of Assistant Head Key Stage 1. My teaching career started in Namibia at a De Beers Diamond mining school in 1989 and since then I have had many exciting work opportunities which include moving to Doha in 2006.

We have been part of the Doha British School family for 13 years now. Our son, Daniel, graduated after completing his IB diploma and is presently in his final year of mechanical engineering in Canada. Our daughter, Samantha, is currently at DBS in Year 12. As a family we are thankful for the strong relationships of mutual respect and cooperation that continue to be fostered within the school community.

It is a privilege to work with such incredible practitioners at Doha British School who regularly challenge me to reflect on my own practice. In addition to this the Year 1 and 2 children have really impressed me with how they have settled into school this term. The blended learning has created challenges and many of them, along with constant support from their families, have used the opportunity to be innovative.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Important Dates & Events

Reports Published – 13th December
Parent Consultations – 14th & 15th December
Qatar National Day Celebration – 15th & 16th December
End of Term – 17th December
Next Weekly Brief Published – 31st December



QATAR
National Day

LITERACY:


Year 1: We will be having our Winter Day and celebrating National Day.

Year 2: We will complete the last part of our travel journal.

Year 3: In writing we will be continuing to look at 'Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age'. Children will be using persuasive language, to complete their poster. We will also be looking at creating our own comic strip using dialogue.

In reading we will be recapping different reading and comprehension skills.

Year 4: This week in English children will be completing their story and editing for improvements.



Year 5: The children will complete their diary writing and peer assess their work against the success criteria. We will be exploring other forms of media for our novel 'James and the Giant Peach.'

Year 6: In English we will be using our speaking and listening skills to perform a battle scene.

In reading the children will answer questions based on 'inspirational women in the 21st century'.

MATHS:

Year 1: We will be having our Winter Day and celebrating National Day.

Year 2: We will be consolidating addition and subtraction.

Year 3: We will be starting our new unit of British money, beginning to recognise and identify different notes and coins.

Year 4: We will continue our new topic of multiplication and division. The website has instructional videos and additional activities if you would like to use them. Click [here](#) to visit the website.

Year 5: The children will revise topics covered and finish off reading and interpreting line graphs.

Year 6: We will be continuing to look at multiplying fractions and moving onto dividing fractions.



WORD OF THE WEEK

The Ninja has chosen...

Year 1: Underneath

Year 2: Excellent

Year 3: Contemplate



Year 4: Havoc

Year 5: Grimace

Year 6: Reminisce

ARABIC:

Please return to your children's weekly plan that is always shared on class dojo or google classroom to see what they are going to do every day.



SPANISH:

Year 1 and Year 2: will finish the topic of tricky Spanish sounds.

Year 3: will continue learning how to say what they like to do in their free time.

Year 4: will continue learning how to say what sports they like and do not like.

Year 5: will continue learning how to say what they have in their bedrooms.

Year 6: will continue learning about dates in Spanish.





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PRIMARY WEEKLY BRIEF

Week Commencing the 13th of December 2020

LIBRARY:

Library Books – Please make sure all library books are returned to the library Sunday the 13th December otherwise your child will not be allowed to borrow library books next term.

KS1 Story of the week – “A Loud Winter’s Nap” by Katy Hudson

KS2 Children - The children have enjoyed playing a general knowledge and all about Qatar quiz in the Library this week. We will continue with the quiz next week to cover all groups across year 4 to year 6.

The winners this week are:

4D Group A
5B Group B
5D Group A
6B Group A

Please make sure your child has a mask on their library day as we have a **“No mask, No entry”** rule.