

MESSAGE FROM DIANE LONGMORE (KEY STAGE 1 LEADER)

What an amazing beginning to our Academic year! I think that you would agree with me that the best day so far was the 3rd of October, when all the children returned to school full time.

✦ I studied teaching in South Africa where I completed my training and practice in Primary and Early Years education. I began my teaching career in Namibia and taught at a private Anglo - American Diamond mining school. Since then I have had many varied teaching experiences, my most satisfying being teaching English to underprivileged children.

It is extraordinary to work at Doha British School Ain Khaled. As an Assistant Head, Key Stage Leader for Year 1 and 2, I experience something new every day. The Key Stage One Quad is one of my favourite places in the school, where any time you walk past there will be children working in small groups either reading, practising phonics, building tower blocks or even having picnic lunches. In fact I believe that as I write this there may even be some teddy bears having a picnic today.

My family and I have been here since 2007 and both my children have studied at DBS AK during this time. My son completed his IB at DBS and has just qualified as a mechanical engineer in Nova Scotia, Canada. Our daughter is currently in her final year at DBS and is hoping to follow her brother to study in Canada. This is what happens when you become part of the DBS community- it opens a new world of exploration, where the sky's the limit. My hope is that you experience the same with your families.

I wish you a well deserved rest over the holiday. Safe travels to those who are travelling and to those who are staying lets enjoy the cooler weather!

Diane Longmore
Key Stage 1 Leader



LITERACY:

Year 1: This week, we will be planning our discovery stories.

Year 2: This week we will work on expanded noun phrases and prepositions.

Year 3: We are going to begin exploring the book 'The Fox'. We will use this book as a stimulus for our writing for this half-term.

Year 4: This week, children will begin their new book 'Leaf'. We will be writing a setting description and focusing on fronted adverbials as our grammar focus. In reading, children will continue reading their class book and focus on vocabulary.

Year 5: This week the pupils will be writing the final version of their character narratives based on our book 'The Promise'.

Year 6: After half-term children will be immersed into our new vehicle text.

MATHS:

Year 1: This week, we will be looking at ordinal numbers (1st - first, 2nd - second, 3rd - third and last) and how to count on a number line.

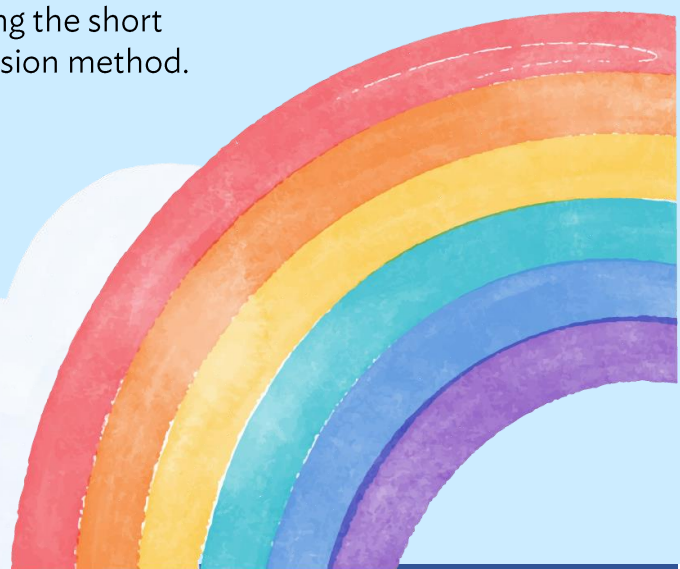
Year 2: This week we will focus on number bonds 5 to 9.

Year 3: We will begin multiplication and division and we will spend time understanding the concept of division using the terms 'sharing' and 'groups'.

Year 4: This week, children will begin addition and subtraction. They will be finding 100/1000 more/less than a number and practising using the column method.

Year 5: This week we are continuing our learning about addition and subtraction problem solving.

Year 6: Children will be learning to divide using the short division method.



WORD OF THE WEEK

The Ninja has chosen...

Year 1: Delighted

Year 2: Imagined

Year 3: Deliberate

Year 4: Temporary

Year 5: Peculiar

Year 6: Marginalisation



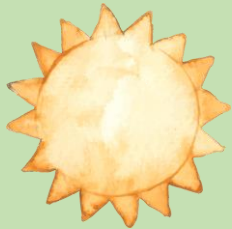
ARABIC:

Please refer 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: will continue to learn about numbers and colours through a song.



Year 2: will recall and use the Spanish alphabet.

Year 3: will read a comic and answer questions.

Year 4: will learn to talk about what they do in their free time.

Year 5: will continue to learn how to tell the time.

Year 6: will learn how to describe people characteristically.





LIBRARY:

Library Books – Please make sure books are returned in the yellow library folders to allow your child to take a new book out.

PE MESSAGE:

Huge congratulations to the following winners of the Key Stage 2 House competitions. They were all rewarded for the efforts with Golden time during registration this week. A very successful outing for the Green Scorpions in this competition, let's hope the other houses can catch up in next half term's House Competition. Details to follow after the holiday.

Overall House Winners	Javelin Throw - Boy	Javelin Throw - Girl	Speed Bounce - Boy	Speed Bounce- Girl
3B	Christian Abou Khalil - 3D	Huda Ali - 3C	Pedro Hamkin - 3B	Jude Beaini - 3D
4C	Nayef Al-Yarbouei - 4C Harry Dickinson - 4C	Noora Al Mari - 4A	Mustafa Mohammed - 4C	Richelle Sosa - 4D
Overall House Winners	Cooper Run - Boy	Cooper Run- Girl	Speed Bounce - Boy	Speed Bounce- Girl
5E	Noah Abou Khalil - 5E	Yasmeen Elamin - 5E	Luke Isaacs - 5B	Lilie Paquet - 5E
6C	Ahmed Metwaly - 6B	Sophie Zoe Black - 6E	Youssef Ahmed - 6E	Sophie Dickinson - 6E

Photos of the Week

