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Dear Parents,

My name is Saima Khan and I am the KS2 assistant head of primary here at Doha British School. I have enjoyed the first term of being in this role and thoroughly enjoy being able to work with kids across all four year groups.

I have been teaching in KS2 for 6 years and within this time I have obtained a Master's in Education and have truly come to realise the huge impact teachers make on the lives of young people. I love teaching all subjects but I am particularly interested in English literature and one of my favourite books to read to the children is Beowulf by Kevin Crossley Holland as it's exciting and full of action and suspense.

I have been staying in Doha for three years and have enjoyed the whole experience. The culture, the weather and the food have all been a wonderful adventure. Whilst working at DBS, I have learnt lots of new skills and I have enjoyed working with children and families from so many different countries. I have enjoyed experiencing the children's positive and resilient attitudes towards their learning despite the difficult situations we have been in over the last year.

I look forward to being a role model to your children that cultivates and inspires them to look at our world critically and to make positive contributions around them.

I look forward to working with all the children in KS2.

Have a wonderful weekend!



## LITERACY:

**Year 1:** We will be focusing on capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and adjectives.

**Year 2:** We will be working on compiling words and phrases for sentences and planning for the last part of our travel journal.

**Year 3:** In writing will be continuing to look at 'Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age'. Children will be using persuasive language, to plan and write their own poster to persuade people to buy woolly mammoth trousers.

In reading we will be finishing reading 'The Ice Monster' revisiting comprehension skills and all Vipers.

**Year 4:** This week in English children will finish drafting their story in class. When at home, the children will complete activities to help build their vocabulary and ideas for the story.

**Year 5:** In English, the children will be planning and preparing their own diary writing based on Shackleton's Journey. Year 5 will continue to explore James and the Giant Peach in Guided Reading.

**Year 6:** In English, we will be planning, drafting and editing our narrative before publishing it.

In reading children will continue to read Wonder with a focus on 'point' and 'justification' sentences which incorporate evidence from the text.



## MATHS:

**Year 1:** We will be consolidating place value with numbers up to 20.

**Year 2:** We will be consolidating addition and subtraction, making number bonds, adding three 1-digit numbers and inverses.

**Year 3:** We will be finishing our multiplication and division unit. Children will be creating a journal and completing end of unit/term assessments.

**Year 4:** We will begin 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:** next week we will be finishing area and perimeter and revising place value and addition and subtraction.

**Year 6:** Next week we will be continuing adding and subtracting fractions as well as beginning multiplying fractions by integers.



## WORD OF THE WEEK

**The Ninja has chosen...**

**Year 1:** Underneath

**Year 2:** Wobbly

**Year 3:** Contemplate

**Year 4:** Participate

**Year 5:** Reminisce

**Year 6:** Loathsome



### 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 continue to learn trickier Spanish sounds.

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

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

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

**Year 6:** will be recapping months and talking about special dates of the year.





## **LIBRARY:**

**Library Books** – As we are reaching the end of term 1, we have started collecting library books to check our data and resources, therefore please make sure library books are returned with your child on their library day, if they forgot to return them, please remind them to do so to on the next day they're in school.

**KS1 Story of the Week** – “Room on the Broom” by Julia Donaldson

**KS2 Children** – The children have enjoyed reading comic and nonfiction books in the Library this week!

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

