



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
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Primary Weekly Brief

Week Commencing the 31st August 2023



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would firstly like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the warm welcome I have received since joining Doha British School as the new Head of Primary. I have been fortunate to meet many of you during drop-offs and pick-ups in the morning and afternoon. It is clear that Doha British School has a strong sense of community!

The foundation of any successful educational journey is built upon the partnership between the school, its dedicated staff, the children, and the families. Together, we form a dynamic team committed to nurturing an environment where growth, learning, and personal development thrive.

I am excited to celebrate the very positive start we've had to this academic year. I measure this in two ways: seeing the children, who are the most important people in our community smile, and teachers talking about learning – an attribute that supports high quality teaching! The energy and dedication exhibited by our students, the creativity of our educators, and the unwavering support of our families are the cornerstones of our success. It is with great anticipation that I look forward to the countless achievements, both big and small, that this year will undoubtedly bring.

Let us continue to work hand in hand, fostering a community of lifelong learners who embrace challenges with resilience and enthusiasm. Together, we shall create an educational journey that empowers the students of DBS to excel academically, emotionally, and socially.

Thank you once again for your warm welcome. Here's to a fantastic year ahead filled with growth, learning, and endless possibilities!

Best wishes

Dr. Luke Cheater, Head of Primary





REMINDER



Dates to REMEMBER

Meet the Teacher 12.09.2023



Word of the Week

Year 1: Lament

Year 2: Relieved

Year 3: Devour

Year 4: Dwindle

Year 5: Explorer

Year 6: Judicious





To Do List

LITERACY

Year 1: This week, we will be exploring our new class story 'Old Bear.'

Year 2: We will begin to read 'The Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis and will write a character description.

Year 3: This week children will be exploring the vocabulary and images from our vehicle text "Rhythm of the Rain".

Year 4: This week, children will be immersed into our next text, 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. They will also learn about expanded noun phrases and how to use them effectively in their writing.

Year 5: This week in writing we will use our 5 senses to help us write a setting description.

Year 6: The children will be writing a setting description based on the Weddell Sea from Shackleton's Journey.

NUMERACY

Year 1: This week, we will be sorting objects within 10 into groups.

Year 2: This week's focus will be to partition numbers and write numbers in words to a 100.

Year 3: This week children will continue with place value. They will learn how to flexibly partition numbers up to and including 100.

Year 4: This week, children will be representing numbers up to 1000 on a number line. They will also be representing numbers up to 10,000 using base 10 and place value counters.

Year 5: This week children will be focusing on representing numbers up to 1,000,000.

Year 6: The children will be continuing their learning on Place Value including comparing and ordering numbers, rounding and negative numbers.



PE MESSAGE

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Last year was DBS Primary's most successful haul of medals in the Qatar Primary Private Schools Sports Association (QPPSSA) and we hope to better that this year. Please look out for notices here and via email about ECAs, squad trials and training for specific sports, swimming later in the year and the return of Kick Start Kilometre this term.

We are encouraging all pupils to "Be respectful, be ready & be safe" for PE lessons this year and I welcome your support on this from home. In order to do that we must send children into school ready for their PE lesson. This involves having had breakfast, bringing a water bottle and importantly wearing the correct kit. This includes DBS PE Kit, white socks and trainers (different to those shoes worn on non PE days). Children should also not be wearing any sort of jewellery; this includes earrings of any kind, necklaces, bracelets or rings. They should also not be wearing a watch and ensure that all long hair is tied up for PE lessons.

Safety is paramount to everything we do in PE at DBS and these uniform rules are in place for the safeguarding of your child at school. I thank you in advance for following them closely.





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.

Languages Messages



SPANISH

- Year 1 will get to know their new Spanish teacher and they will start learning colours
- Year 2 will get to know their new Spanish teacher and some classroom instructions.
- Year 3 - 6 will get to know their new Spanish teacher and practice classroom instructions.

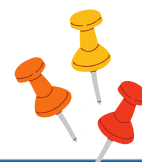


Library Message

We are looking forward to welcoming students back into the Library next week. Every child will have a weekly library lesson, and the opportunity to borrow two books. Please ensure that children return borrowed books, in their library folder, on their designated library lesson day. We have some exciting programmes planned for the coming year that will encourage students to develop a life-long love of reading that will support their curriculum learning and personal development.

For children who participated in the Summer Reading Challenge, please bring reviews to the Library.

Many thanks
Diana and Linda





WHOLE SCHOOL KS1 / KS2 / Messages

Kind Reminders:

For school snacks and lunch please include a variety of the following - fresh fruit, vegetables, protein, carbohydrates and healthy fats. Please avoid chips, biscuits and chocolates.



ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS (SENCO)

We're excited to share some wonderful news with our school community! We've introduced a brand-new Inclusion Hub that embodies our commitment to providing a nurturing and inclusive environment for all students. As we get this space up and running, we are designing it in a way that will foster collaboration, understanding, and support for students with diverse learning needs.

Alongside this, we're thrilled to see students back in lessons - and working one-to-one with them in the classroom really helps us to see the steps of progress they are making. As always, teachers are using adaptive teaching approaches to engage all students. Thank you for your continued support!





Music

Hello and welcome back to everybody. I will be teaching Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Year 6 will have a new music teacher Mr Madzunarov.

We hope to have another successful year of making music in their lessons, as part of the school events that take place over the year and a Year 6 production.

We hope to have another successful year for our KS2 Choir starting this term with a Choir festival at ASD on the 14th November. KS2 Choir for Years 3 - 6 will start again on either Wednesday 13th or Wednesday 20th September (this is earlier than the other ECAs). Keep your eye on this space next week when the decision will have been made. I hope to welcome back anyone who was a member last year. If your child no longer wishes to be a member please could you let me know before Choir begins. If your child would like to join the choir please tell them to come and see me so I can hear their voices by themselves before being admitted.

Miss Davies with my help will be running a KS1 Choir open to Year 2s. This can be signed up for when the information re ECAs comes out.

Miss Martin





Thank You