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Dear Parents,

I trust that you had an enjoyable holiday and wish you all a very Happy New Year. The students have returned to Reach after the Winter break extremely positive and happy. They have all enjoyed reuniting with their friends and teachers and are looking forward to another busy term ahead. A special welcome to the new families who have joined Reach this term. I have no doubt that your children will settle into school life very quickly, make friends and take advantage of everything our school and community have to offer.

I would also like to welcome our new teacher Miss Audrey Murphy who joins the Year 6 Barcelona class in our Primary section.

Sheikh Khalifa has announced that 2019 will be the "Year of Tolerance" and we as a school are looking forward to supporting this initiative throughout the coming year. A recent article in the media was trying to define what tolerance actually meant and concluded that "It isn't simply an idea of accepting differences in whatever manner they may be apparent. It is rather an active welcoming of the idea of diversity, of whatever origins, an acknowledgement of mutual respect. From diversity come many of the strengths of our society. Within it, individuals and communities of different beliefs, cultures and origins all have a role to play and a positive contribution to make." This philosophy truly underpins everything we do as a school with our rich diversity of nationalities, cultures and backgrounds.

We have another extremely busy term ahead filled with challenging and enjoyable learning activities, trips, performances and competitions. Please make sure that you regularly check the website for upcoming events, as well as Facebook and Class Dojo which are excellent ways of keeping in touch with events happening throughout the school. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

It was great to return to school to see the wonderful new improvements and changes to our Early Years playground area and to see the new climbing wall installed in the Primary section. The students will thoroughly enjoy these new facilities.

We very much look forward to welcoming parents this week to our Term 2 parent/teacher meetings. Wishing you all a healthy New Year filled with smiles, laughter and fun!

Dene Bright – Principal

Our Parent-Teacher Meeting for Term 2

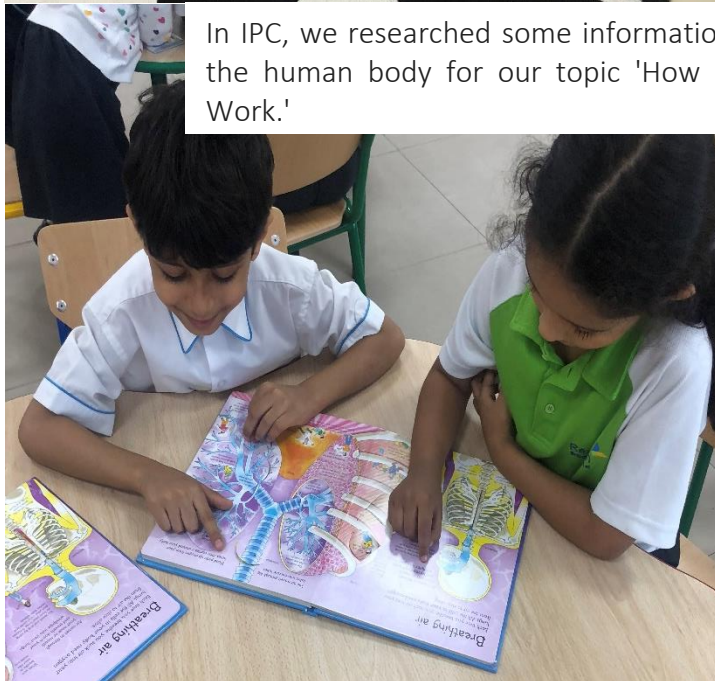
To help parents to keep up with and support your child's learning, we will have our Term Two Parent Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, 15th January for the Primary School and Wednesday, 16th January for EYFS and the Secondary School. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to speak with class teachers about the progress your child is making and the amazing learning that is happening all around the school



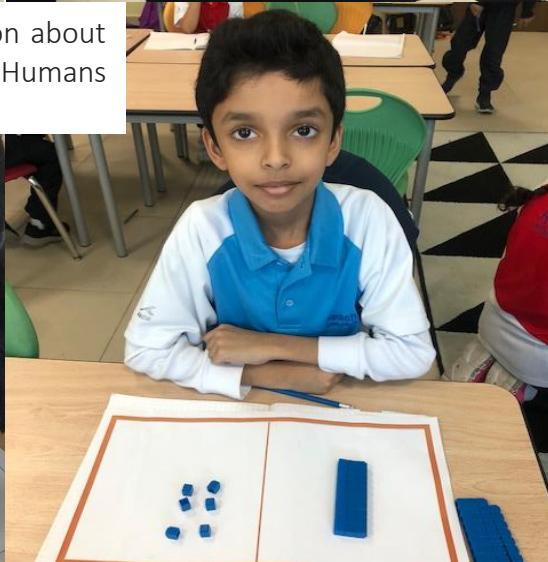
Primary School



This week Year 1 have been counting using counters and counting forwards on a number line. Year 1 found that the amount of counters stays the same even when you move the counters on the 10 board.



In IPC, we researched some information about the human body for our topic 'How Humans Work.'



In Maths we have been learning all about place value. We used base 10 materials to build numbers up to 100 and 1000.



Indoor rock climbing is one of the most innovative physical activities that we boost the start of Term 2 with. Physical activities are one of the best ways to develop and enhance physical, social and academic skills. Primary students are enjoying climbing the wall and discovering new skills and making new friends.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We would like to announce that the Term Two ECAs will start next week on 21st January. Activities will run for three days a week (academic provided by RBS teaching staff and non-academic provided by Blue Whale).

We are offering – English and Maths based booster sessions for students who have been carefully identified by the internal assessment from our teachers. This means we can boost our students of all levels to help in their academics. Each club costs of 200 AED. Please make sure to return the registration form and the money to the class teacher no later than Thursday, 17th January.

Year 1 and 2		
Wednesday Academic		
Writing for FUN!	Phonics: Letters & Sounds	Active Maths!
Qur'an Club		Social Skills & Confidence Building

Year 3 and 4			
Wednesday Academic			
Qur'an Club	Active Maths!	Social Skills & Confidence Building	Music Club
English Language Skills	Arabic Reading	Reading for FUN!	Arabic Writing

Year 5 and 6			
Wednesday Academic			
English Language Skills	Arabic Reading	Active Maths!	Art Club
Qur'an Club		Social Skills & Confidence Building	Arabic Writing

KS3 Y7-Y9		
Monday		
Girls Fitness	Cosmos: A Space-Time Odyssey	Healthy Eating Club
Boys Football	French Club	

KS4 Y10-Y11			
Monday			
IGCSE Science	IGCSE Mathematics	IGCSE ESL	IGCSE English Lang. A
IGCSE Geography	IGCSE Art	IGCSE ICT	

The Blue Whale Coordinator will be available at the school reception for the registration of Non Academic activities and during the parents meeting.

Foundation Stage

In EYFS, Term 2 began with another influx of new starters for our FS1 and FS2 classes making our spaces even more limited now! I am happy to say all students have settled in well and are beginning to make new friends within their classes.

We are looking forward to meeting and chatting to parents about your child's amazing learning on Wednesday, 16 January 2019 from 2.45 to 5.45 pm at our Parents Evening - please make sure you make your appointment through Class Dojo with your class teacher. Ms Wesal, Ms Etaf and Ms Maitha will also be available on that evening.

This week, we will begin our Admission Assessments every Tuesday from 2.45 to 3.30 pm for children wishing to join us in FS1 and FS2 in September 2019. We are also hosting an Open Saturday for new children and parents wishing to join us on Saturday, 19 January 2019 from 10 am to 12 noon. Please contact our Admissions department for further information.

We have trips for FS1 classes next week (Week 3) to the Zoo and FS2 classes to Little World in Week 4 - watch out for information regarding these!

Our amazing outside space is nearly ready for us to share with parents - look out for those dates when your child's class will be inviting you in to come and play!

Thank you from Ms Sally and EYFS Team



Reminder: Due to cooler temperatures and additional clothing being worn- please make sure ALL clothing and belongings are labelled with child's name.

Arabic Department



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Y2,Y4,Y6, Y8 & Y10



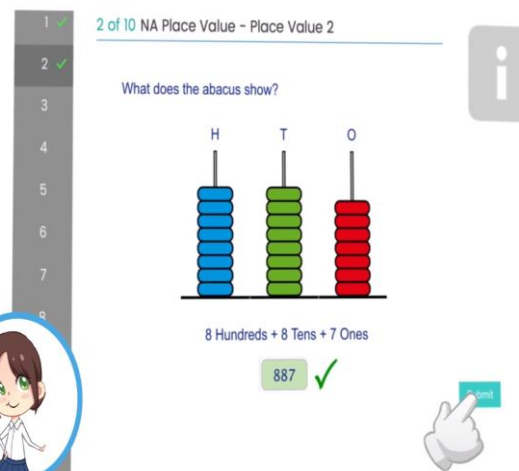
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Reading Eggs/ Mathletics

Our students have made excellent progress in Term 1 with their Mathematics and Reading through the use of the 'Mathletics' and 'Reading Eggs' online learning tools.

Mathletics

All students in year 3 to 11 have a Mathletics username and password to access this helpful tool. The purpose of 'Mathletics' is to provide an opportunity for your child to practice at home what they learn in school. At Reach British School we understand that children are different and they learn at a different pace, for this reason the teacher sets activities that support each students' specific learning needs. Mathletics can really help your child to improve their achievement in mathematics. We would like to encourage all parents to make sure that their child uses the program at home.



Reading Eggs

Students from years 2 to 6 all have access to the Reading Eggs program. Reading Eggs makes reading real books highly engaging for students aged 7 to 13. It also improves spelling and builds reading comprehension skills. The online reading program is packed with hundreds of interactive reading activities, online children's books and literacy games that will help your child to improve. Students do not read at the same level and therefore this program is designed to meet the specific reading needs of your child. Please make sure that your child uses this helpful tool at home.



dates to Remember

Tuesday, 15 th Jan 2019	Primary Parents - Teacher Meetings
Wednesday, 16 th Jan 2019	EYFS / Secondary - Teacher Meetings
Monday-Wednesday, 21 st -23 rd Jan 2019	Play Area Launch FS1/FS2 12:00PM-2:00PM
Monday, 21 st Jan 2019	Blue Whale Primary ECA start / Secondary Internal ECA start
Tuesday, 22 nd Jan 2019	Blue Whale Secondary ECA start
Wednesday, 23 rd Jan 2019	Primary Internal ECA start
Thursday, 24 th Jan 2019	Parent Workshop (How Parents Can Encourage Problem-Solving)
Sunday-Wednesday, 27 th -30 th Jan 2019	Primary /Secondary Assessments Week
Thursday, 31 st Jan 2019	Deadline for IGCSE Exam Choices



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