



The Oryx Online

Primary

05.01.24

WB 8th Jan = Week 2

Head of Primary - Mr. Holliday

Welcome back!
Thank you for your feedback on T1 workshops and for expressing what workshops and coffee mornings you would like in Term 2. Please see [HERE](#) for the schedule for Term 2.

Note Gate 1 closes at 7.55am and Gate 3 closes at 8.00am.

Head of EYFS - Mrs. Patton

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful winter break, full of exciting adventures, activities and spending quality time with your loved ones.

As the weather is much cooler now, the children will have more opportunities to access our new wonderful Learning Garden. We operate a strict no hat no play policy in school; therefore, please ensure your child has their hat in school everyday.

A HUGE thank you for all your generous donations towards our Red Crescent initiative - the boxes of donations were loaded onto the truck and delivered to the Red Crescent over the winter break. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.



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EYFS

Key Stage 1

(Yr 1 + 2)

Lower Key Stage 2

(Yr 3 + 4)

Upper Key Stage 2

(Yr 5 + 6)

What's Coming Up?

Coffee Mornings and Workshop Dates

[School Calendar Dates](#)

Monday 8th January

- Primary ECAs begin
- Primary Parent Workshop - Mental Health and Wellbeing - Mrs. Williams - Primary Library at 8.30am.

Join our empowering workshop designed for parents 'Cooling the Fire – Effective Strategies for Managing Anger in Children.' Discover expert-led, practical techniques and insights to help your child navigate and express anger healthily, fostering a more peaceful and understanding family dynamic.

Tuesday 9th January

- Tunes on Tuesday

Wednesday 10th January

- Eco Warriors Early Morning Remraam Litter Pick 7:25 am

Thursday 11th January

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Friday 12th January

- Optional Meet Head of FS2, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6 - canteen at 7.25am.
- International Day

International Day

Students can wear clothing that represent their home country, please avoid football shirts. Students can also produce a presentation of their country to share with their class, if they wish.

Friends of South View are supporting this event.





The Oryx Online Useful Links

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Social Media

Twitter
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School Website

Term 2 ECAs

Happy new year and welcome back!

Internal ECAs will start next week and run on Tuesdays and Thursdays until Thursday 7th March. Please check the ECA booklet for the pick up location for each activity. Computing Club has been added on and will take place in Classroom 3A.

Our fantastic selection of external ECAs have started back this week. I sent out the external ECA list on Seesaw yesterday, please contact the provider directly for more information and to sign-up.

[SVS Term 2 2024 After School and Extra Curricular Activities.pdf](#)

A reminder that ECAs finish at 3:30pm, please ensure you have collected your child at the end of the activity as teachers often have meetings scheduled.



Important Reminders:

Please ensure children are attending school in the correct uniform with black school shoes/trainers being worn on the days when children do not have P.E.

Please ensure you call or email absence@southview.ae and use the subject SICKNESS, or telephone: +971 45897904 each day, before 8.00am if your child is going to be absent due to sickness.

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PE, Swimming, Squads and House Teams

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PE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy new year and welcome to term 2!

During the next 5 week we will be preparing students for the sports day. The sports day is an event where students participate in various sports and athletic activities. The primary purpose of a sports day is to promote physical fitness, teamwork, and a spirit of healthy competition among participants. To every student is give the opportunity to win points for their house and we will be also awarding medals in some athletics event (sprint, high jump, shot put and vortex). Parents are welcome.

Sports day dates per year group:

- 5th of February - EYFS sports day: 8am-11am
- 6th of February - Y1 & Y2 sports day: 8am-11.30am
- 7th of February - Y3&Y4 sports day: 8am-11.30am
- 8th of February - Y5&Y6 sports day: 8am-13pm

Looking Ahead - Term 2A PE topics:

EYFS - Jumps, runs and throws & Gymnastics
Year 1 to Year 6 - Athletics & Net Games

Please note there will be no swimming during Term 2A.
Swimming will resume after the half term in February.

In the case you need to reach out the PE department
please use the email address that best suits your enquiry:

[Email lists HERE](#)

Squads

Term 2 squads:

Squad training sessions started this week. The PE team is thrilled with our students excitement to be part of a school squad and their eager to represent SVS in competitions against other schools.

Training sessions per sport:

Monday (afternoon) - U8&U9 girls football and U8&U9 boys tag rugby.
 Tuesday (morning) - Swim squad A; Tuesday (afternoon) - U9&U11 girls tag rugby, Gymnastics and swim squad B.
 Wednesday (morning) - U11 BSME boys football; Wednesday (lunch time) - U11 BSME netball; Wednesday (afternoon) - U10&U11 girls football, U10&U11 boys tag rugby.
 Thursday (afternoon) - U11 BSME basketball, Gymnastics, Swim Squad.

SOCS login: Please check the website on the regular basis to confirm if your child has been selected to any fixtures and don't forget to fill in the consent for each game.

SVS squad kit: Students must use their squad kit to every fixture. These items can be purchase at the school reception at the accounts counter.

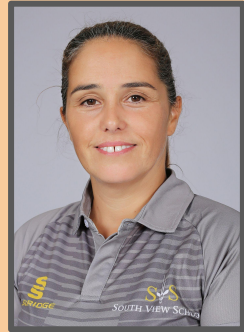
Upcoming events:

- 08.01.24 - Cross country @ Dubai 7's
- 13.01.24 - U11 BSME netball @ DESC
- Team fixtures start from 15th of January

If for any reason your child cannot attend the training session or a fixture, kindly, notify their Squad Coach as soon as possible.

[TERM 2 SQUADS Coach email lists HERE](#)

Mrs. Sonia Teodoro



Please view your Year Group page for swimming and PE days

T2 squads:

- Tag Rugby
- Girls football
- Swimming
- Cross country
- Aquathlon
- Athletics
- Development swim squad (only Year 2)

House Teams News

Welcome back after what I hope has been a very enjoyable Winter Break for you all. We begin Term 2 with some very exciting PE lessons where we are learning the different elements of athletics that we will display on the SVS sports days from the 5th - 8th of February. Students have been demonstrating their knowledge, skill and perseverance in lessons and in turn earning lots of house points for their houses.

Thank you to 6A and 2A who have kicked off our first week of class Wake Up Shake Ups! You really brightened up our Friday morning and brought the Friday feeling to SVS.

Terra
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House Team News



Miss Judy Murphy

#SVSDares





Mr Abdelhamed
Kerba

Head of Arabic
Head of Islamic Studies

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Mr. Kerba's Arabic Highlights

Dear Parents,

We hope this message finds you well and that you had a wonderful winter break filled with joy and relaxation. As we dive into Term 2, we are excited to welcome both you and your children back to school. We would like to bring your attention to an upcoming event that promises to be both educational and enjoyable for our students – the Arabic Spelling Bee Competition! This competition will showcase the linguistic talents of our students and provide them with a valuable opportunity to enhance their Arabic language skills.

Details of the Arabic Spelling Bee:

Round One: Thursday, January 11

Round Two: Friday, January 26

For more information regarding the competition, please feel free to reach out to your child's Arabic teacher. They will be happy to provide you with additional details and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a successful and enriching Term 2.

Mr. Kerba's Islamic Highlights

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you well and in good health. Welcome back to Term 2! We trust that you had a wonderful and restful winter break with your loved ones.

We would like to inform you that we have updated the Quran memorization targets on Seesaw for the upcoming week. Your child's progress in memorizing verses from the Quran is an integral part of their spiritual development, and we encourage your active participation in this journey.

To stay updated on your child's Quranic progress, please check Seesaw regularly. We have uploaded the latest targets and guidelines for this term. We kindly request you to actively engage with your child, encouraging them to memorize verses and upload their Quran recitations on Seesaw. Your support plays a crucial role in fostering a love for the Quran and helping your child achieve their memorization goals. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the updated targets or Seesaw, please feel free to reach out to us. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to working together to make this term a successful and enriching experience for your child.

Wishing you a blessed and prosperous Term 2!



The Oryx Online Lead Practitioner Corner 05.01.24



ATOM Home Learning Support
<https://atomlearning.com/>

As a learning support tool we encourage all of our learners to utilise the Atom online portal. Your child has a log in for the platform from their class teacher. They have assigned curriculum tasks to complete that incorporate English, maths and science. If you are unable to complete at home there is opportunity for your child to complete in school.

**LP
English**

**LP
Maths**

**LP
Science**

Welcome back to a busy and studious week. Our learners have settled back into school with a variety of different activities in English, maths and science.

Across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, the children have started new science topics that have been creating excitement, intrigue and an abundance of interesting and insightful questions which I am sure will continue to encourage great learning.

Year 1 are investigating seasonal changes, Year 2 have moved on to Living Things and their Habitats, Year 3 will discover more about Light. Year 4 are distinguishing key differences with States of Matter. Year 5 will now debate laws of motion in Forces. Finally, Year 5 theorise more about their knowledge of Electricity.

In English across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, students have begun exploring their new topics and genres with excitement and interest, and have enjoyed beginning to explore their new class texts. In year 1, phonics lessons have been buzzing with excitement and children have enjoyed learning new sounds and practicing reading in pairs. Year 2 are thrilled to see the launch of a Year 2 Accelerated Reader competition which aims to inspire children to read and share books, and also to complete and pass as many quizzes as they can. Year 4 looked at the features of newspaper reports and investigated the importance of using a catchy headline, and year 6 analysed an explanation text about a spy gadget and created some of their own descriptive language and phrases.

In Maths, all of the children have started their new topics with excitement and lots of energy! Year 2 have started their exciting topic of money while year 6 have started their topic on ratio! Year 5 have begun to challenge themselves independently in their tasks by engaging in critical thinking activities each day like identifying "messy misconceptions" or creating questions for their partners. A reminder to keep working hard on TT Rockstars as we will have certificates at the end of term 2 for the children who have the fastest speed, best progress and the most correct answers!

FS 1



Miss Giles
Head of FS1



Current Topic: Earthsavers

Overview of Next Week's Learning:

Communication, Language and Literacy:

- To be able to express a point of view and to debate when they disagree with an adult or a friend, using words as well as actions.
- To understand 'why' questions.

PSED: To remember the rules without needing an adult to remind them.

Phonics: To begin to identify set 1 sounds m, a, s, d

Maths: To recognise and complete a repeating pattern.

UTW: Enjoys stories about people and nature and is interested in photographs of themselves with these.

EAD: To Develop their own ideas and decide upon their own materials.

Art: To use papier-mache to create a model.

PE: Jump, Run & Throws: To travel at different speeds, to jump for distance and height and to throw for distance and accuracy.

Miss Giles' Highlights

What a fantastic first week back we have had in FS1, starting with our Earth Savers dress Up parade. We are very much looking forward to learning about how we can save the planet. The children were very excited to start RWI phonics, learning our first sound, m. We learned how to say and write the sound as well as an action to match! We started our new Talk for Writing story, Buddy's Rainforest Rescue. Buddy is visiting the FS1 classes to teach us all about deforestation and how we can help look after the Earth.

FS 2



Miss Walker
Head of FS2



Current Topic: Earthsavers

Overview of Next Week's Learning:

Communication, Language and Literacy:

- To learn and use new vocabulary in different contexts.
- To connect two ideas together using conjunctions.

PSED: To think about the perspective of others.

Phonics: To sound out and blend words containing known letter-sound correspondences.

Maths: To compare the mass and capacity of different objects.

UTW: To explore changes in weather patterns.

EAD: To return to a creation, building upon what was previously made.

Art: To create a fish using a plastic bottle and papier-mache.

PE: Jump, Run & Throws: To travel at different speeds, to jump for distance and height and to throw for distance and accuracy.

Miss Walker's Highlights

Welcome back to Term 2 of FS2. We have had a fantastic start to the term. Our Earth Savers dress up day on Tuesday was a resounding success. The children showed fantastic determination to save our Learning Garden from the baddie who had covered it in rubbish. We then explored the different materials that we found on the playground. Deciding that we should place items that were composed of the same materials in the same bins. We also discovered our new key texts and continued to explore the concepts of more and less, moving on to 2 more/2 less. A reminder to please return the trip consent form by Wednesday 10th to your child's teacher.

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Parent Readers - Year 1 and 2
We are thrilled to be inviting parent reading volunteers in to school to listen to children in Year 1 and 2 read. The aim is to give children more opportunities to read & to spark their imagination and curiosity. Parent readers will begin to add reading comments in students' diaries of whom they listen to, if you would **not** like your child to participate, please inform your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Yr 1



*Miss Stanton
Head of Yr 1*



Current Topic: Enchanted Woodlands

Overview of Next Week's Learning:

- Maths:** To explore numbers to 20.
- Reading:** To identify Set 2 and Set 3 sounds.
- Writing:** To innovate a text.
- Science:** To identify plants.
- MCPA:** To begin to learn different rhythms
- PE:** Athletics: To develop running, jumping and throwing skills.
- Arabic:** To identify a new vocabulary.

Miss Stanton's Highlights

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to Term 2 of Year 1! Parents Day!

We have hit the ground running this week as we kickstarted our new topic, Enchanted Woodlands. It was wonderful to see the children dressed as their favourite fairytale characters and thank you to all the parents who joined us for the parade.

The children have started their new focus story, Jack and the Beanstalk, designing their own story maps. This is also provided us with a brilliant link to our new Science topic, Plants!

Yr 2



*Miss Dye
Head of Yr 2*



Current Topic: Wriggle and Crawl

Overview of Next Week's Learning:

- Maths:** To recognise coins and match their value.
- Reading:** To make a prediction.
- Writing:** To name features of a letter.
- Science:** To identify living things.
- Humanities:** To learn about a significant individual.
- MSC:** To learn about our community.
- MCPA - Art:** To create a Very Hungry Caterpillar collage.
- PE:** Athletics: To develop running, jumping and throwing skills.
- Arabic A:** أن يميز المتعلم بين الأصوات القصيرة والأصوات الطويلة
- Arabic B:** Topic, My Pencil Case, To identify new vocabulary and employ the new vocabulary and structures in sentences.
- Islamic:** To explain the general meaning of surat Al Falaq.

Miss Dye's Highlights

What an exciting first week back and Happy New Year to all!

We started the week celebrating our new topic 'Wriggle and Crawl' by dressing up as minibeasts. It was wonderful to see you all dressed up and have parents and friends come and join our parade around the woodland track. Next week, Year 2 have their turn for #TwoForTuesdays please could you send in an extra snack for the SVS fridge for our community workers.

Additionally, Year 3 is excited about International Day! Students are encouraged to wear international colors or clothing to school next Friday to celebrate the diversity of cultures within our community.

Yr 3



Miss Dye
Head of Yr 3



Current Topic: Tribal Tales Part 2

Miss Dye's Highlights

Welcome back, and Happy New Year! It was delightful to see the return of the children to school this week and to hear all about their winter break! We extend a warm welcome to our new Year 3 teachers, Mr. Kavanagh and Mrs. Mackintosh, who have seamlessly integrated into their classes.

In the past week, Year 3 has fully engaged in the second part of our current topic. Our focus has been on delving into the formation of volcanoes and understanding their characteristics.

Looking ahead to the upcoming week, Year 3 is eagerly anticipating the commencement of a new topic centered around multiplication and division. We will initiate the exploration of this subject by delving into the concept of reasoning while multiplying.

Additionally, Year 3 is excited about International Day! Students are encouraged to wear international colors or clothing to school next Friday to celebrate the diversity of cultures within our community.

Overview of Next Week's Learning:

Maths: To reason whilst multiplying.

Reading: To make inferences.

Writing: To look at the key features of a newspaper report.

Science: To recognise that light travels in straight lines.

Humanities: To learn about significant people.

MSC: To maintain a healthy lifestyle including diet.

MCPA: To use the voice to express emotion in roleplay and song

PE: Athletics: To develop running, jumping and throwing skills and apply into the different events.

Arabic A: أن يطرح المعلم أسئلة عن الفكرة الرئيسية والأفكار الفرعية في النص.

Arabic B: To identify new vocabulary and to use new structures in sentences.

Islamic: To explain the general meaning of surah Al-Qadr.

MFL: To label pets

Yr 4



Mr. Didcott
Head of Yr 4



Mr. Didcott's Highlights

A big welcome back and a happy new year! It has been lovely to see all the children return bright-eyed and bushy-tailed after the holiday - I have been enjoying listening to all of the fantastic things that the children have gotten up to.

In maths this week, we have been using factors and factor pairs to solve different problems.

In writing, we started to learn about the key features in newspaper articles.

In science, we have been sharing what we already know about solids, liquids and gases and how they can change.

Overview of Next Week's Learning:

Maths: To multiply and divide by 10 and 100 effectively.

Reading: To retrieve information from different texts.

Writing: To practise our planning skills.

Science: To group materials into solids, liquids and gases.

MSC: To be able to express feelings and opinions.

MCPA: To use the voice to express detailed emotions in roleplay and song

PE: Athletics: To develop running, jumping and throwing skills and apply into the different events.

Arabic A: أن يحدد المتعلم الأفكار الرئيسية والفرعية للنص ، مجيباً عن أسئلة الفهم الدقيق.

Arabic B: To identify new vocabulary and to use new structures in sentences.

Islamic: To explain the general meaning of surat Al-Lail.

MFL: To identify outdoor sports using articles.

Yr 5



Mrs. Barlow
Head of Yr 5



Current Topic: Scream Machine

Overview of Next Week's Learning:

Maths: To multiply a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number.

Reading: To use clarifying skills to understand a text.

Writing: To identify and explore persuasive devices.

Science: To identify the effects of air resistance on moving objects.

MSC: To explore how we are responsible in different ways.

MCPA - Art: To experiment with surrealist painting techniques.

PE: Athletics: To develop running, jumping and throwing skills and apply into the different events.

Arabic A: أن يبين المتعلم المعنى الإجمالي للنص موضحا الفكر الرئيسية والجزئية فيه مفسراً مفرداته.

Arabic B: To distinguish between different types of transportation.

Islamic: To explain the general meaning of Surat Al Alla.

MFL: To name daily routine activities.

Mrs. Barlow's Highlights

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely winter break. The students have come back with lots to share about their holiday and we have enjoyed listening to their stories. This week we have started our new topic, 'Scream Machine' in which we have started to look at our new WAGOLL in our writing lessons. The students have been exploring what a persuasive leaflet is.

During our Science lessons this week, students have started to look at our new topic of Forces and in Maths we have started to look at Multiplication and Division.

Yr 6



Mr. Webster
Head of Yr 6



Current Topic: Tomorrow's World

Overview of Next Week's Learning:

Maths: To use scale factors and to solve problems using ratio.

Reading: To make inferences from a text

Writing: To plan and draft initial ideas for a gadget.

Science: To use recognised symbols when representing simple circuits.

MSC: To discuss what it means to be a good person and how change can be important

MCPA - Art: To create a Pop Art style food wrapper.

PE: Athletics: To develop running, jumping and throwing skills and apply into the different events.

Arabic A: أن يبين المتعلم المعنى الإجمالي للنص موضحا الفكر الرئيسية والجزئية فيه مفسراً مفرداته.

Arabic B: To identify different hobbies and compare them.

Islamic: To explain the general meaning of Surat Aabas

MFL: To form feminine and masculine nouns using professions.

Mr. Webster's Highlights

Happy New Year 6! Welcome back to what I am sure will be another productive and enjoyable Term.

We have enjoyed starting our new topic, Tomorrow's World. In Writing, we have started exploring explanation texts through our WAGOLL text, The Spy-Pen 300. In Reading, we have been introduced to our new book, "Alex Rider: Stormbreaker".

In Maths, we have started our new topic, Ratio and have been investigating the additive and multiplicative relationships.

In Science, we are looking at electricity, what it is and how we use it.