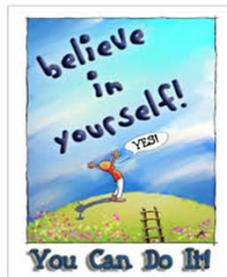


Welcome to BISAK Transition from Reception into Year 1



Welcome to everyone, whether you are a BISAK Reception parent or will be new to the school in Year 1. The aim of this meeting is to tell you about how we prepare our current children for Year 1, what to expect in Year 1 and how you can help to prepare your child ready to start Year 1 in September. All the information today will be on the BISAK website tomorrow.

Year 1

Term begins Monday 10th September

7.00 – 7.20am Children arrive - Pre-Prep playground - supervised

7.20am Children line up in their classes under the Pre- Prep canopy and are then taken into class.

7.25am Registration and morning activity. If your child is late, they will miss out on important morning routines and work.

If your child is late, please sign in at the School Office.

7.00 – 7.20 Once your child feels comfortable, please leave them in the Pre-Prep playground where they will be supervised. This gives them a sense of independence.

What happens if my child is late for school?

It is important that your child is in school by 7.20am at the latest as if they are late they will miss out on important classroom routines. Children have work to do first thing in the morning and reading, or extra support is given at this time. Children who are late miss out on this and often it takes them longer to settle in.

If you arrive after the start of the school day, you should take your child to the school office so they can be marked present in the register.

Always let us know if your child is unwell and absent from school.

What do I do when it is not the usual person collecting my child?

If anyone other than the usual adult is going to collect your child; please notify your child's teacher verbally, in writing or in the case of emergencies, through the school office

Collection at the end of the day

Most children: From outside the front of the Key Stage 1 classroom block.

Oasis compound children will be taken to the Key Stage 2 playground, under the canopy, where they will be supervised until collected by their parent / carer. **Please be on time.**

If a different person is to collect your child, it is essential that you write a note in the Communication Book. It is best to introduce a new driver / nanny to the class teacher, or at the very least, send a copy of their Iqama as we want to be sure we are handing your child over to the correct person.

What should your child bring to school?

- ❖ Transparent water bottle (filled with fresh water every day)
- ❖ School hat
- ❖ Wear the correct uniform
- ❖ Back pack (no wheels)



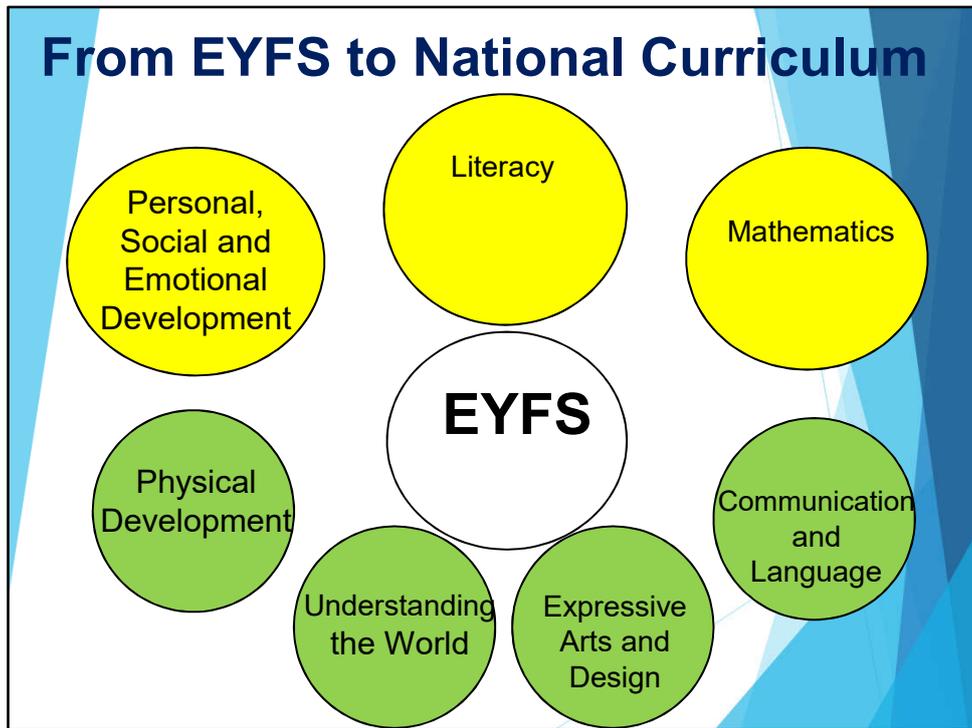
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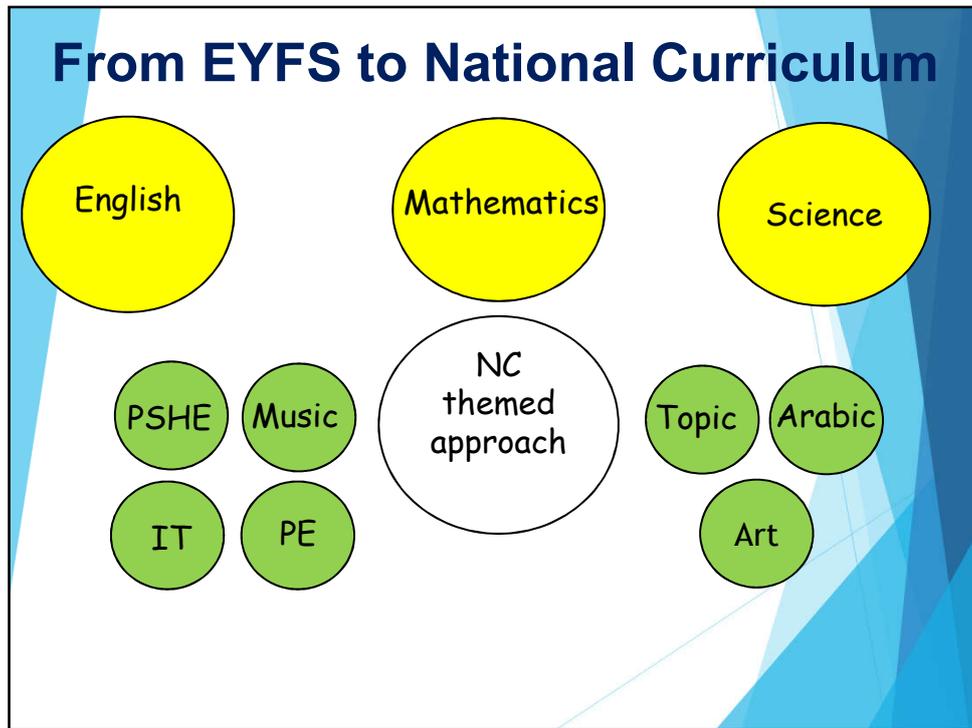
- ▶ We have 2 snack times each day
- ▶ Fresh, healthy food and drink
- ▶ Easy to eat



- Please provide sufficient snack for 2 snack times.
- The canteen is for Year 3 children only. Please do not send in money. Please do not ask an older sibling / friend to buy / order food from the canteen to give to a Year 1 or 2 child.

From EYFS to National Curriculum





What will my child be doing at school?

Year 1 is a progression from Reception. What your child has learned in Reception will enable him/her to continue their learning. The names of the lessons have changed e.g. Literacy and Communication and Language become English, Understanding the World becomes Science and Topic.

It is expected that once children have settled into Year 1 (i.e. become used to the new teacher, the new classroom and the new timetable) that they will step up into the expectations of Year 1. The main ones of which are increased independence. The day is more structured and more time is given to adult led activities. There is less choice of activity, therefore fewer opportunities to avoid activities the child doesn't like.

Much of the teaching and learning organised in themes and play is still part of the learning.

The children will have their class teacher for the majority of the week.

Subject specialist lesson with specialist teachers:

2 x PE

2 x music

1 x art

1 x Arabic

1 x library

Reception to Year 1

Similarities

Curriculum overview provided half termly on the website.

Open door policy still exists, however class starts promptly at 7.20am so any issues or questions requiring discussion are best arranged for the end of the day.

Differences

You will no longer receive Build a Profile photos and observations.

Lessons are more formal

7 subject specialist lessons a week

Home Learning

Home Learning in Year 1:

- Reading 10 – 15 minutes each day – not just reading – re-tell the story / ask your child questions to determine how much they have understood / develop vocabulary
- Phonics / spellings to learn – initially, 5 words given to learn on a Sunday (following the current teaching) and tested on Thursdays. The spelling lists will be differentiated according to your child's ability.
- Active Learn – work on the internet related to work covered in class. Your child will be given login details in September and the teachers will talk more about the benefits of Active Learn and how to use it in the 'Meet the Teacher' talks in September.
- Each half termly Curriculum Overview will detail Home Learning opportunities.

How we prepare the children

- ▶ Circle time discussion – ‘Moving On’
- ▶ Visits to the Year 1 classroom
- ▶ Visits from the Year 1 teacher
- ▶ Sharing work with the new teacher
- ▶ Weekly EYFS assemblies addressing transition near the end of term
- ▶ Reception joined the KS1 assembly on 03.05.18
- ▶ Producing artwork for new classroom display

Parental Involvement

- ▶ Curriculum workshops will be organised
- ▶ Information Talk in September
- ▶ Class assembly
- ▶ Parents' Evenings
- ▶ Production
- ▶ Sports Day
- ▶ Parents with excellent English may volunteer to hear children read – training is available
- ▶ International Day
- ▶ Mother's Day assembly

A typical day	
7.20	Arrive in school 1 to 1 support (if required) Morning activities Registration
7.25	Phonics
8.15	Lesson
9.10	Snack
9.25	Playtime
9.40	Lesson
10.20	Lesson
11.00	Lesson
11.30	Snack
11:40	Playtime
12.00	Lesson

Registration is at 7.20am.
 Lessons begin at 7.25am. If your child is late to school they will miss essential work.

Communication between home and school

- Head of Primary's weekly newsletter every Thursday
- Half termly Curriculum Plan
- School report (end of Autumn and end of Summer terms)
- Parents' Evenings (Autumn and Spring terms)
- Make an appointment
- Communication Book
- Drop off / collection (1 minute chat)
- Agreed meetings
- Absent? Absence email / phone call to the Primary Office
- Medical? Speak with the School Nurse

How you can prepare your child for Year 1

- ✓ **Regular, consistent bed time routine**
e.g. shower, story, bed. An ideal bed time for a 5 / 6 year old is 7pm.
- ✓ **Encourage your child to be independent and do things for themselves.**
- ✓ **Teach your child to pack their school bag independently.** *Please do not do it for them.*
- ✓ **Teach your child to put their school clothes out the night before.**

Over the summer...

The summer holiday is long and often children 'forget' what they have learned. Therefore, please regularly try to do some of the following so that when your child starts school again in September, s/he does not have so much 'catching up' to do:

- ▶ Read to your child
- ▶ Make a scrapbook of your holiday, filled with photos, pictures your child has drawn, tickets and encourage your child to write a sentence on each page.
- ▶ Find / use numbers wherever you go (count steps / number plates / door numbers). Add/subtract up to 5 and then up to 10.
- ▶ Play board games
- ▶ Draw pictures
- ▶ Cook with your child

Over the summer...

- ▶ Make models / pictures
- ▶ Create a den
- ▶ Create a play
- ▶ Make up songs
- ▶ Play outside - visit a playground / learn to ride a bike / learn to roller skate
- ▶ Make an obstacle course (inside or outside)
- ▶ Make a shop at home - buy and sell using real money
- ▶ Go swimming
- ▶ Make and play with playdough (recipes are on Google)
- ▶ Create a treasure hunt
- ▶ Make bubble liquid and blow bubbles
- ▶ Dressing up
- ▶ Make and have a picnic

Finally

Please make sure that we have all your contact details so that we may call you urgently e.g. if your child is ill.

Please do contact either your child's teacher or the Head of Pre-Prep if you need to tell us something that will help us to help your child.

Please enjoy your child's time at BISAK with us. These really are very special years.

Being at school is an exciting time for young children and their parents. It can be a daunting time, too. But with a little preparation and encouragement, most children will settle in easily at school. Our staff have a great deal of experience in helping children to cope with times of transition and I hope that this helps you in your preparations to help your child for starting school, so that you both start school with a smile!

Too MUCH
GADGET USE
can DAMAGE your Child



IT CAN CAUSE...
Speech Delay
Attention Deficits
Learning Problems
Sleep Problems
Anxiety
Childhood Depression



Better Hearing and
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It's
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"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." -Dr Seuss

