



Akrotiri School



FS1

Turtle and Starfish classes
Spring 2 2023 - Information Guide

Welcome to Out and About in Cyprus! Our learning this half term will continue to encompass a range of skills to support the whole curriculum. We will be exploring and investigating our immediate environment whilst using maps to find our way around school. We will explore and investigate Cyprus as an island learning that there are different geographical features and that these have different names. We will learn about plants and what they need to grow. At the end of term, we will be involved in Easter activities.

Prime areas: We have had some new children start with us and will continue to build relationships and positive friendships, whilst beginning to regulate their behaviour more independently. Listening and attention skills are strengthening and we will continue to support the children to take part in more complex conversations about our curriculum. Physical skills will continue to be developed and children are learning to manage their own belongings independently e.g. putting on and taking off jumpers, shoes and socks.

Reading: We will continue to work through phase one of our phonics programme, which includes identifying individual sounds, sequencing them and learning to orally blend and segment words. We will develop the use of related vocabulary such as first, last and middle. The love of reading is really becoming established through quality stories and texts, encouraging the children to predict, retell and sequence well known stories using story language.

Writing: We have much more control over larger movements now, so will continue to focus on developing the correct pencil grip, as well as using our funky fingers with dexterity to complete tasks e.g. cutting. We have sent home the name writing guides so we will continue to focus on practising writing our names.

Maths: We will continue to embed the children's conceptual knowledge of number to five through subitising, developing their understanding of number as a value as well as through problem solving and reasoning.

VISITS AND ENRICHMENT

We will walk around the school locality using a simple map to locate places as well as walk up to the top of camp to look back at the Troodos, Limassol and the bondu etc.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Forest School: This takes place on a Tuesday, please ensure that children come to school in appropriate clothing and foot wear - all must have closed toe shoes on please.

Home learning: If you have any photos for your child's sharing book please continue to send these via email if you need us to print them. These books are proving invaluable in developing language as well as listening, attention and confidence.

Seesaw: Please ensure that you continue to check class Seesaw to receive messages and see pictures of your child's learning.

How to help your child

Please, please continue to share books with your child at home. Your support is invaluable in helping them to gain a love of reading, develop vocabulary and language as well as an understanding of print. Also, it would be great, for those interested if you could practise writing your names

Additional information

Please ensure everything that comes into school has been named. Please continue to apply sun cream and mosquito repellent to your child each day before they come to school. We have a "no hat no play" policy.

Please send in a named hat every day. It is also essential that your child brings in a water bottle.