**Grade 1 English Course Description 2018-19**

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**Course Description:** This year we are using “Curriculum Map Al Raja School English K->6”.Storytown is used as a resource. In this book there are many fantastic stories with literacy skills, phonics, and writing assignments that will assist your child in his /her development throughout the year. The Storytown series consists of the Reader, levelled readers and Phonics Practice Book. There will also be frequent opportunities for the students to work in smaller groups and complete activities that are related to the lesson being taught. Also, your child will be doing various projects, in class and outside of class. The students will also use teacher Created materials like Spelling Book and Writing Journal that will be used in class, and Reading Journal at home. The children learn Spellings in a fun way in the Spelling City period in the Computer Lab. Math concepts are strengthened in English through various hands on activities during Math Activity class. We develop the child’s Emotional Intelligence and Health by teaching **Life Skills** .We have an interactive text with a lot of activities.

**Textbook resources::** Curriculum Map Al Raja School**,** Storytown reading textbooks (Harcourt), Phonics Book (Harcourt), Reading Journal, Writing journal and Spelling and Quiz book

**Key resources:**

www.spelling city.com

www//alraja weebly.com//(leveled readers)

www//storytown.com//

http://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f

**Grading policy:** 1. Listening and Speaking: 30% 2. Reading and Language Development: 30% (includes Spelling) 3. Writing and Other Forms of Expression: 20% 4. Social Skills/Participation: 10% 5. Homework: 10%

***AP+ 100-96/ AP 95-90/PP 89-80/BP 79-70/NP 69-65/NP- 64-60***

**Major projects: - My Favorite Game, Life Cycle of a Butterfly, Pet Show**

**Storytown:**

Let’s Tap, The Van, Big Rigs,Get Up, Rick!, All on the Map, Beth’s Job, Plants Can’t Jump, Soccer Song, King Midas and His Gold,A Butterfly Grows ,Mark’s Big Day, , One More Friend, Snow Surprise, Blast OFF

**Expectations:**

1. Label all your child’s English books with his/her complete name in English.

2. Bring all the books on the first day of school.

3. English files for homework along with the weekly newsletter will be sent home on every

 **Wednesday**. They will be returned by the following **Sunday. The weekly newsletter will be sent on Thursday.**

***4.*** I also like to keep in touch through Instagram (@arsgrade1), on our Grade 1 English

 Weebly site <http://alrajaschool.weebly.com/grade-1.html>, and through email

(lina.yousif@alrajabahrain.org). ***Please note my email and make sure I have an updated email for you. Weekly Note will be sent by email and uploaded on Grade 1 Weebly Page.***

5. Students will visit the school library to hear stories related to our theme. They will be able to check out a book every other week. If your child misses the library book day, parents or children can check out books before or after school.

\* Please fill in all the information required, and send it with your child on Sunday ,September 5.

Name of the student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Class : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Section : A / B \_

Mother’s name : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Father’s name ; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-mail:

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 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Medical concerns ( if any ) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parents, Sept. 2018

Welcome back to another school year. We have a very busy and exciting year in store for us!

I realize that teaching your child is a privilege, as well as a tremendous responsibility. I will do my best this year to ensure that each student has a motivating and safe learning experience in the classroom. I cannot do this alone: I need your help. I want you to encourage your child to read every day.

 I know with your help we are going to have great year! I look forward to a productive and fun year of academic accomplishment. **If you have any concerns or questions don’t hesitate to contact me.**

Thanks

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