

# Intro to Aflatoun

# Unit 2: Our Club



## Objectives

By the end of the lesson, the students will be able to:

- a) Recognise Aflatoun, and its motto.
- b) Be excited about learning with Aflatoun, and applying the Aflatoun motto.



## Instructions

1. Put students into pairs and give them one minute to brainstorm all the things a flame could represent. Brainstorm with students what a flame symbolises with one student writing the ideas on the board. Possible answers could include: it is a symbol for warmth and light; it serves as a beacon; and so on. Some might point out the negative aspects of flames. For instance, fire can burn us; put us in danger; cause us pain. Acknowledge these as valid answers.
2. Show the students the picture of Aflatoun on the SchoolBank Champs Poster. Inform them that Aflatoun has the beneficial and positive characteristics of flames: it is bright, warm, and friendly. Explain that Aflatoun helps its friends all over the world by teaching them how to be resourceful, enterprising, and inventive. It also teaches them to be change-makers! Go on to describe how Aflatoun teaches children to save money and other resources, and helps them act together on issues that are important to them.
3. Ask the students what they usually do to make a flame bigger. Probable answers may include: you have to kindle it; stoke the fire with firewood; blow on it; and so on. Inform them that Aflatoun needs their help to be bigger and brighter. They can do this by attending and participating in the various Aflatoun Club activities.
4. Write the Aflatoun Motto on the board “Separate fiction from fact. Explore, think, investigate and act.” and ask the students the following questions
  - What is the meaning of Aflatoun’s Motto?
  - What can ‘separate fiction from fact’ mean?
  - What can a person that explores, thinks, investigates and acts do?
5. Explain that by joining Aflatoun, the students will all be going along on an exciting journey of exploring, thinking, investigating, and taking action. By becoming Aflatoun members, they serve as an inspiration to adults and other children. To help students remember how to act on the Aflatoun slogan, encourage them to follow these six actions to be an Aflatoun:

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Discuss        | Search, investigate and find out more information |
| Think and read | Make a decision                                   |
| Ask questions  | Act according to the truth                        |

6. End the class by encouraging students to join the global Aflatoun network by creating an online profile at the Aflatoun Digital website [www.aflatounjourney.org](http://www.aflatounjourney.org). At this website they can learn more and connect with other Aflatoun students from over 100 countries around the world.



## Materials: Aflatoun's Story

Hi! My name is Aflatoun. I'm a fireball. I come from outer space where there are other fireballs just like me. I love to travel all over the world, and to meet children and learn all about them and how and where they live. I love to explore everything, and I'm very curious about this wonderful place you live in. I'm looking forward to learning all about it with your help.

Are you wondering why I'm called Aflatoun? Well, an Aflatoun is someone who really likes to find out new things about just about anything. Since I love to explore and learn new things, my friends from India called me Aflatoun.

Do you know why I came to planet earth? Well it's an interesting story. For a long time, I stayed in space, and saw everything that happened down here from up there. However, even after observing things down here a long time, there were still a lot of things that I didn't understand. So, I decided to come to earth and explore things for myself.

I asked lots of questions and met all sorts of people. I realised how much there was to learn and how little I knew. I love travelling, and I have friends from Mali and The Philippines, from Uganda and Vietnam, and from Argentina and Serbia. And now here I am to become your friend, and help you become an Aflatoun too!

I have lots of Aflatoun friends, and we learn many things together. Would you like to learn with me too?