

SPRING TERM 2019

# The British Preparatory School

## Pre-School - Mrs I'Anson

Pre School B was very busy during the autumn term. After our 'All about me' and 'My body' topic we introduced 'Our shapes' topic. The children listened to a shapes story and collaged different shapes with coloured tissue paper. They also did lots of sponge painting using different shapes, and using the shapes inset puzzles to encourage shapes recognition.



Sticking collage on our shapes and painting number 1's

The children really enjoyed our Halloween topic. They sponge painted their orange pumpkins and used the shape sponges to make triangle eyes and a mouth. They had fun making a spider's web using the silver glitter, and made a scary 'collage' spider using black tissue paper. We made Halloween cupcakes and the children enjoyed listening to our many Halloween stories.



Putting glitter on our spider's web, painting faces on our pumpkins & making craft folders.

Our festive season crafts included making a candy cane and painting number 1's (stripes) in red and green. Lots and lots of hand prints in green which we made into our large Christmas tree with twinkling lights, which the children really enjoyed watching. We also made reindeer faces, a Christmas tree, a snowman, a snowflake and a happy holiday's card.



Making snowmen, snowflakes and putting glitter on our number 1's for our candy canes

To celebrate Bahrain's national day the children made red and white hats with lots of glitter and they also painted a Bahrain flag. The children also decorated cupcakes with red icing and white sprinkles as part of our celebration.



Painting our National Day flags and our Bahrain flag hats

The first topic of the New Year is 'Under the sea'. The children have made a rainbow fish, starfish, crab, jellyfish, turtle, octopus, whale, and a seahorse using different mediums. We have been learning the names of all the creatures that live under the sea using flashcards, story books, games and songs. The children have also had fun with the water play and catching the different sea creatures in their nets. We have a daily structured language session where they are learning new vocabulary and sentence structure relating to our topic. They have also been learning the slippery fish song (words below)

Slippery fish, slippery fish, swimming in the water,

Slippery fish, slippery fish, gulp, gulp, gulp

Oh no, he's been eaten by.....

An octopus, an octopus, swimming in the water,

An octopus, an octopus, gulp, gulp, gulp

Oh no, he's been eaten by..... REPEAT WITH THE FOLLOWING SEA CREATURES

A pinching crab - A great big shark - An enormous whale



Catching sea creatures with our magnetic poles, painting starfish & colouring a fish

Our next topic will be 'The very hungry caterpillar' and 'fruit & vegetables.' The children will be listening to the story, learning the hungry caterpillar song, and making their own caterpillar using their handprints. They will be learning to recognize the different fruit and vegetables using the feely box and playing Kim's game among others, and will be encouraged to count the different fruit that the caterpillar is eating. Eg. 1 apple, 2 pears, 3 plums, etc. They will also be sampling different fruit and vegetables within the classroom and experiencing the different tastes. The words of our new song are written below.



Rice play, colouring a crab and catching fish with our nets (water play)

The very hungry caterpillar curled up on a leaf  
Built himself a cocoon and then fell fast asleep  
While he was sleeping he dreamt that he could fly  
And when at last he woke up, (yawn) he was a butterfly

Topics after the Easter break include 'Transport' where the children will make a hot air balloon, boat, car, rocket, train, and aeroplane using different mediums. They will also be having fun with 'junk modelling' making a car/bus from a shoe box and a rocket/aeroplane using an empty kitchen roll holder. They will be listening to 'The emergency' story book by Margaret Mayo as part of our language development activity where they will be learning the different modes of transport. During our language development activities the children are encouraged to respond to questions and begin to formulate sentence structure. Along with the storybook the children will be playing 'The transport lotto game' reinforcing the different modes of transport and further developing their language skills.



Painting sea creatures with water, sand play and putting collage on our rectangles



Further topics to take us up until the end of the year include Jungle animals and Insects & bugs where the children will be listening to lots of topic related stories and doing lots of different craftwork.



Alongside our topics we have been doing lots of threading using bobbins and buttons, cutting practice, and working with lots of different connectors. During 'circle time' we continue to work on our colours, shapes, numbers and counting skills through stories, flashcards and action songs. Our social skills are ongoing - learning how to share, take turns, be kind to our friends, and using good manners and greetings. Congratulations to our newly toilet trained children who have moved into underwear. This is a big part of Preschool and we are hoping to get most of the children into underwear by the end of the year. Children **MUST** be toilet trained to move up to the nursery class.



Threading pasta onto skewers, cutting practice and making spiderman masks

Thank you for your support  
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