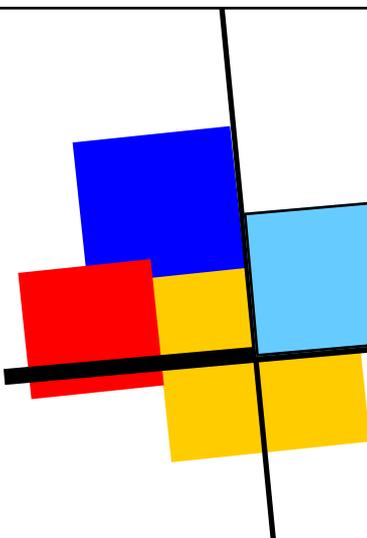


SPRING TERM 2020



The British Preparatory School

**YEAR 1**

We're very eager to start the spring term, as we had many new exciting things to learn. I am very pleased with the overall progress made by the class and looking forward to even more progress this term.

### **Literacy**

**Sentences:** We are continuing to encourage the children to write well-formed sentences with capital letters and full stops. As they progress, we will work on extending the sentences and making them more exciting by adding connectives, openers and adjectives.

**Handwriting:** We are still paying a lot of attention to our handwriting concentrating on letters formation and size; finger spacing; and writing on the line

**Reading:** We shall continue to build up a sight vocabulary using the key words from the ORT reading books and encouraging the children to use their phonic knowledge to date, to decode unfamiliar words. As we send home the key words, it would be very beneficial if you could practise them with your child. These they should know without sounding them out.

**Comprehension:** The children regularly answer questions from the text of their reading books. This is another opportunity to encourage good presentation and the formation of complete sentence answers.

We shall continue to give regular spellings to learn. If you are not familiar with the "Look Cover Write Check" method of learning them, please don't hesitate to come and ask.

### **ESL (English as a Second Language)**

Our current focus is on prepositions. To practise we use flash cards, PowerPoint presentations, work in pairs asking and answering questions, and we reinforced the spoken word by writing sentences using prepositions. We also play I spy to help with our vocabulary. The objective is to get the children to be able to use proper words and sentence structure when describing the location of objects..

During the school day, we consistently make sure that the child uses the correct grammar at all times,

We are also learning some tongue twisters to help improve our diction.

Example of Rhymes we are learning:

1. Betty Botter bought some butter  
But she said the butter's bitter  
If I put it in my batter, it will make my batter bitter  
But a bit of better butter will make my batter better  
So 'twas better Betty Botter bought a bit of better butter



Writing sentences using the different prepositions we have learned



Sorting books into fiction & Non Fiction

## Numeracy

In Numeracy, the children have learned about doubling. We have also been practising adding and taking away using various methods such as; counting on/back, cubes and hundred square. Year 1 will learn about 3D shapes and their properties (faces, edges and corners).

During the rest of the year we will be covering counting in 2s and 5s, time (o'clock, half past and quarter past), odd and even numbers, ordinal numbers, direction, English money and word problems.



Learning about Odd and Even Numbers



More work with numbers

### Topic

Our current topic is 'Plants'. We have started by learning about plants. The four parts of a plant are; the stem; the root; the leaf, and the flower. A PowerPoint presentation was screened to help learn these things. We then walked around the school to see what kind of plants we could find and recorded our findings. With the aid of an experiment, where we will place one plant in the cupboard and one plant outside, we will learn that plants need both water and sunlight to grow healthily.

We will learn that different climates have different plants. Cacti are found in the desert, while palm trees are found in warm sunny places like Bahrain. We will also grow our very own bean plants and record its progress in a bean diary!

This topic will give us the opportunity to look at the differences between fiction and non-fiction books. The children will be sorting the books in our classroom book case into fiction and non-fiction. We will learn to identify the title and contents page, captions and the glossary in a non-fiction book. We will also be using non fiction books to learn new information about plants.

In Art we will learn about the famous Sunflowers painting by Vincent Van Gogh, and then we will try to duplicate his style by using thin brush strokes.

The second half of the topic will involve taking care of the environment. We will learn about air pollution and ways to help protect the air. We will also look at recycling and different ways we can reduce our waste.

Next term we shall consolidate all the work covered to date and end of year assessments will be administered.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or questions.

We look forward to a productive and exciting next few months!

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Teachers