

AUTUMN TERM 2018

# The British Preparatory School

## NURSERY

### Nursery - Term 1

In spite of having many holidays this term, the children have settled very well. They are learning to undertake the daily routines such as walking up the stairs while carefully holding onto the banister, independently finding their cubby, putting their bag away and storing their water in the water tray. Now, they will be focusing on finding their name tag and sticking it to a hot air balloon, to show that they are present in class.

The structure of the morning session provides an important opportunity for the children to socialise with their friends, prepare for the day and also to develop their independence. As such it is imperative that children are in school on time. It is highly disruptive to both the children and the teachers alike when a child arrives to class late. Furthermore, it is very unsettling for the child who arrives late as they will have missed out on the mornings settling in period and so, they have to quickly catch up to what is being undertaken in class at the time of their arrival. In order to be punctual, we recommend that all children are in bed asleep no later than 7pm. This allows adequate time to rest and prepares the children for the busy and fun school day that awaits them. We look forward to seeing all students in school between 8am and 8:15.



Wow! We line up so well!



Collecting our bags from our cubbies!

### Literacy

The children have been participating in a multitude of activities to promote their literacy skills and improve their vocabulary. They have made pleasing progress in both areas to date.

At present we are working on name recognition and developing the children's fine motors skills. Strong fine motor skills will aid pencil control, in preparation for name writing at a later stage.

### Numeracy

We have been very impressed with the numeracy abilities of both classes. The children love showing off their counting and number recognition skills. We will continue to encourage this love of numbers by undertaking a multitude of enjoyable numeracy activities throughout the school year. Over the course of the next few weeks, weather permitting, we hope to enjoy shape hunts in the playground, colour excavation games in the sand pit and many other exciting activities that will aid the children's learning in this area.



We are strengthening our fine motor



We practice speaking in a clear, loud voice

### Topic

Our topic this term is 'Healthy eating'. The children are learning lots of new words such as the correct names for a variety of fruits, vegetables and the names of a selection of cookery equipment such as 'pot', 'pan', 'cooker', 'knife' and 'fork', amongst other useful words too. They have been learning these words through songs, dances, books and structured table top games with their teachers.

Later in the term, when the children are more familiar with the necessary vocabulary, we will undertake some healthy cooking! We plan to help the children make some healthy smoothies and have a fruit and vegetable tasting day where the children can try out some of the healthy foods that they have learned about.

### ESL

Children who speak English as their second language participate in regular ESL sessions where they have an opportunity to focus on their English language development. These sessions are structured yet very fun for the children as they get an opportunity to play games and to use the 'Talking Teddy' to express themselves.

**Getting creative and expressing ourselves!**

Creative expression is a really important aspect of being a child! As such we encourage the children to express themselves in a variety of ways. Thus far they have thoroughly enjoyed partaking in many different forms of creative expression such as dance, P.E., sensory play, dress up and role play, music classes and creative art sessions too. In addition to this, we have explored some meditation style breathing with the children while listening to calming music. This has been really beneficial for them as it is important for them to be comfortable being calm and quiet, just as it is important for them to be comfortable being creative and expressive.



Sensory games are so much fun!  
We learnt about texture and smell!



We love playing!  
'Duck, duck, goose' is so much fun!



Here we are 'Zooming to the moon'!  
We enjoy singing and dancing!



We are undertaking P.E!  
This is how we pass a ball overhead!

**Inspiring adventures!**

Books are a great way to expose children to new words and to open their minds to different ideas. Class 1 make a special trip to the library every Sunday, while Class 2 attend on Wednesday. Children may only choose a new book when they have returned their old one, as such, please pack your child's library book, in their plastic folder, on their specific library day to avoid any disappointment.



We love looking at books and story time



Many thanks for your support

**Nursery Class Leaders**  
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