

AUTUMN TERM 2018

# The British Preparatory School

## Year 1A - Miss Budhaish

It has been a great start to the year! The children have settled in well and are enjoying their new class.

### LITERACY

The children are building up their sight vocabulary and experiencing decoding using their phonics knowledge to date. In addition they have learned to use other strategies such as initial sounds and picture or contextual clues. Some are able to sound out CVC words such as cat. Please be aware that they use the sounds of the letters and not the names. There are individual reading sessions 3 times a week. After a book is completed the children answer a comprehension card to make sure that they understand what they have read. The children are learning the high frequency words they are given 5 words to learn and be tested on each week, these words cannot be sounded out therefore they need to be memorize them as a whole word using the Look Cover Write Check method. When writing the children are focusing on letter formation and size, finger spacing, and making sure that they are writing on the line. To help with sentence construction the children write their weekend news every Sunday. Year 1 have started with simple sentences, and as the term progresses we will increase the number of sentences. The children have also learned to expand their sentences using the connective 'and' & 'but'.



Practicing CVCs using the feely bag - children pull out a picture and spell the word.

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

The children are currently working on pronouns and verb tenses. For example; The girl played - She played. Games such as charades are used to practise. There is a 10 minute session daily. The children are also encouraged to use full sentences when speaking at all the times. They are learning rhymes to encourage good diction and the two we have focused on are Peter Piper and She Sells Sea shells.

### **PETER PIPER**

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers

A peck of pickled pepper Peter Piper picked

If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers

Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

### **SHE SELLS SEA SHELLS**

She sells sea shells by the seashore

## **NUMERACY**

This term Year 1 are focusing on recognizing and writing (formation and orientation) the numbers 1 to 100. The children are learning how to add using various methods and resources such as; counting on, cubes and a hundred square. The children will also learn to subtract using the same methods. We are covering comparative weight, the children looked at heavier and lighter, and have used a balance to compare the weight of 2 objects. In addition, cubes are used to weigh different objects rather than standard units of measure.



Learning about heavier and lighter using a balance



Adding big numbers using a hundred square!

### TOPIC

Our topic for this term is transport, starting with how we travel in Bahrain, and the different modes of transport we use in our daily life. We shall move on to travel by air, land and water, and different modes of transport used around the world. The children will also learn about car safety, including seat belts, traffic lights, and road signs. We have learned about the evolution of the bicycle by watching some videos and a power point presentation.



Our Class

Thank you for your support  
**Mrs Budhaish**