

AUTUMN TERM 2018

The British Preparatory School

YEAR 1B - MRS USHER

What a wonderful start to the year it has been! The children have settled in well and are enjoying their new class. We are very lucky to have a small number of children, because everyone is getting a lot more individual attention. This is very exciting because I am already seeing great progress with all the children. Our aim this year is to create a solid foundation on which to build their further education.



Starting our day with Brain Gym.

Literacy

Year 1B are concentrating on reading this term, there are individual reading sessions 3 times a week. We read books from the Oxford Reading Tree Scheme. After completing a book the children answer some questions about the text. Once we have introduced the key words at school we will send them home. It would be helpful if you could go over them at home. When writing we are focusing on letter formation and size, finger spacing, and making sure that we are writing on the line.

ESL (English as a Second Language)

Children who need extra help with their spoken language get an extra 10 minute session every morning. We concentrate on using full sentences and the correct tenses. We are currently working on pronouns and how to use them correctly. We are looking at *she, he, it and they*. The children are also learning rhymes to encourage good diction. The two we have focused on are Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers and She Sells Seashells on the seashore.

Working hard spelling CVC words independently! Some examples of CVC words we have been learning are: *c-a-t, h-o-t* and *s-i-t*.



Playing a sound game



Writing High Frequency Words

ORT comprehension work cards, the children answer a few questions about books they have read.



Completing ORT work cards independently.

Numeracy

This main focus of this term is recognizing and writing (formation and orientation) the numbers 1 to 50. We will also be learning how to add using the counting on method. Once we have learnt this we will learn how to use a hundred square to help us when adding larger numbers.

We will also be learning to count in 10s, subtract, the names of 2D shapes and time (o'clock and half past) during this term.

Ordering numbers and making our own number lines.



Topic

Our current topic is Transport, starting with Transport in Bahrain. We will be learning about different modes of transport, the different uses of transport, as well as how transport is different round the world. We are making lots of fantastic topic related Art which you can see on display outside the Year 1 classrooms. You will see buses, cars, boats and hot air balloons! We are currently learning about the evolution of the bicycle which the children are really enjoying. Keep an eye out for the bicycle timeline which we will display in our area. We will also be using our imaginations in order to invent futuristic transport.



Some of our wonderful transport art!

Thank you for your support.

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