

AUTUMN TERM 2017

# The British Preparatory School

## YEAR 1 MISS BUDHAISH

It has been a great start to the year! 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 learning.



### Literacy

We are concentrating on learning the key words by sight. The words will be sent home once they have been introduced in class and you are asked to go over them regularly. They are not expected to sound out these words apart from using the initial letters as a clue.

In addition we shall be reinforcing the pure letter sounds and working on reading and spelling CVC words, ie consonant vowel consonant, eg c-a-t. On completion of each book the children will be given comprehension cards to consolidate what they have read and learned from the text.

### Handwriting

When writing we are focusing on letter formation and size, finger spacing, and making sure that we are writing on the line.

### ESL

We are having regular structured lessons to improve the children's English and are currently concentrating on the past tense verbs, particularly the irregular ones such as ran, run, buy, bought, catch, caught.

In addition they are building up their vocabulary, creating well formed sentences and questions. All this is done in a fun way through games and improvised situations.

To improve their diction we are learning short poems. We are currently working on Peter Piper.

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



**Working hard spelling CVC words independently**



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

### **Numeracy**

This main focus of this term is recognising and writing using the correct formation of the numbers 1 to 50. We have learned how to add using both the counting on method and a hundred square.

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



**Answering addition sums using the 'counting on'**



**Answering addition sums using a hundred square**

## Topic

Our current topic is 'Where Do We Come From?' The countries we are learning about are Bahrain, Pakistan, UK, Saudi Arabia, and India. The children have already learned how to say hello in Hindi (Namaste) and Urdu (Salam Alaykoum).

During our India week we looked at the different animals in India and the environments they live in. In addition we learned about some of the festivals celebrated in India and enjoyed making our own peacocks. PowerPoint presentations and short documentaries are screened at the beginning of each country to help us stimulate the children's interest.

We shall follow the same format for the other countries.



This is our India display board. We made peacocks (India's national bird) using paper plates and feathers. We also did some careful colouring. We coloured detailed pictures of traditional Indian dress.

If there is anything you would like to discuss further, please feel free to make an appointment through the office.

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