

AUTUMN TERM 2017

# The British Preparatory School

## YEAR 1 MRS GREENE

### Welcome to Year One!

All the children have settled very well into their new classroom and the routines of year one. They have made many new friendships and enjoyed working together during lesson times and at playtime. They have been working hard to become more independent. By participating in paired and small group activities the children have learned how to solve problems for themselves and collaborate with others. We have now begun to complete work as a whole class so that the children can be confident in their ability to work alone as well.

### Literacy

This term year one learned about Traditional Tales. We began the topic by reading the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and then the children completed various work based upon the story. They described the characters using adjectives, sequenced the story using pictures, wrote shopping lists for Grandma, asked the characters questions, acted out the story using appropriate character voices, created a new setting for the story and finally the children wrote their own story. We have now begun to work on 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.



We had a visit from Little Red Riding Hood!



Making our own settings for Little Red Riding Hood





### Rewriting the story of Goldilocks

All of this work can be seen on the display next to our classroom, please feel free to come and see what they have been doing.

We are now moving on to discuss other traditional tales and during the next half term we will continue the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', and read about 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'.

### Reading

The children complete reading and phonic based activities every day at school. These cover:



Comprehension activities



Spelling practice



Learning new phonic sounds



Handwriting practice

Please continue to read every day at home with your child and don't forget to ask them questions about the story. On the back page of the reading books are lots of recommended activities you can complete to assist them.

## Numeracy

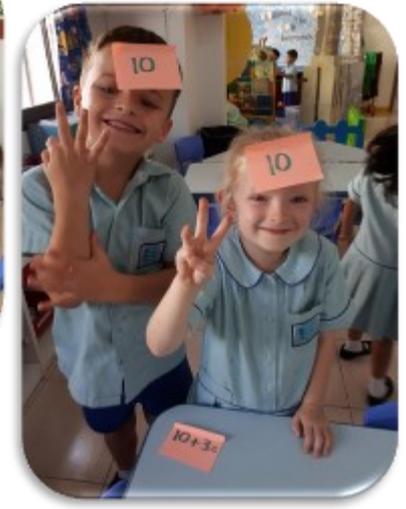
The children have been practising adding and subtracting during this term. They have used cubes to help them answer questions and learned how to use number lines and hundred squares to assist them with larger numbers. All of the children have been learning to add and subtract within 20. If you would like to practice at home please encourage your child to put the big number in their head and count either forwards or backwards the smaller number on their fingers.



Using elephants to count on



Ordering numbers



Putting the big number in their head and counting on

They have also learned to order and compare numbers and work out one more and one less.

Next term learning will focus on counting in multiples of 10, partitioning numbers into tens and units, doubling numbers and working on number bonds to 10. They will also be introduced to time and UK money. They will measure and conduct experiments to check the capacity of objects.

## Topic and Art

The topic and art this term has followed the theme of Traditional Tales and the children have enjoyed working together to complete large pieces of art work for our displays. They will make models out of clay, learn how to colour mix and work on pencil drawings during the next half term.



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