

AUTUMN TERM 2017

The British Preparatory School

PRE-SCHOOL MRS I'ANSON

After a tearful start the children have settled and are beginning to learn the classroom routine. We are encouraging them to become more independent by teaching them to wash and dry their own hands, to take and collect their snack boxes from their cubbies to open them and to feed themselves.

We are learning greetings and good manners including good morning, goodbye, please, and thank you.



The children are learning how to sit nicely on the carpet, share with their friends and line up at garden time.

Our first topic this year is 'All About Me and my Body'. The children are starting to identify different parts of the body, eg head, arms, legs, ears, eyes etc through games and songs.

In art and crafts the children have painted a yellow sunshine and we have been learning our 'Good Morning Mr Sun' song which we sing every morning.

Other craftwork already completed includes painting teddy bears and learning our 'Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Turn Around' song and painting a gingerbread man, and listening to the gingerbread man story.



Colouring practice has started with the children making a 'Humpty Dumpty' and also learning the rhyme.



The children have made a figure of a child where they painted a face, eyes, nose, and mouth, and collaged their body using different coloured collage materials. Also, for 'Halloween' the children painted an orange pumpkin and made a glittery spider's web. They made spiders using black crepe paper.



Within the classroom the children are using various resources to help promote their fine motor skills. We have been doing lots of threading using the bobbins and threading cards.

Also, we are working with different connectors to develop their fine motor skills. They are learning to sort using the theme of transport, initially sorting for colours, and then by vehicle.



ESL (English Second Language)

During these sessions they have been learning the vocabulary associated with the body. For some children this will be a matter of identifying by pointing (receptive) and thus will be able to vocalize the words into a sentence, eg I have one nose, I have two eyes.

In addition they are learning the rhyme 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'.



After each session the children learn to tidy up the classroom. They are also being encouraged to wash and dry their own hands and take their snack box to the table. Afterwards they tidy up their own snack and return their bags to their cubbies.



During circle time we have been working on our colours, shapes and counting skills through stories and action songs. We have music and movement which includes dancing with scarves and using the parachute. Outside in the garden the children use the climbing equipment and bicycles enhancing their gross motor skills.



There is a playhouse in the classroom where the children can use their imagination and pretend to go shopping with the shopping trolley, dress up as different characters. The children enjoy listening to stories daily and are now beginning to sing along with some of the songs we have been learning.

Toilet training for some children is ongoing. If you have started training at home and wish to attempt underwear in the classroom please let me know. All in all a very pleasant start to the school year.

Please don't forget that if you would like more details about your child, you are welcome to make an appointment through the office.

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