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The British Preparatory School

NURSERY

SETTLING NURSERY CHILDREN - TERM 1



See how well we sit and listen

We have had a successful start to Term 1 in Nursery. Our focus in the beginning was to settle the children and get them accustomed to new routines and familiarise themselves regarding the setup of the classrooms. We are proud of all the children's progress in such a short space of time. For safety reasons the children had to be trained to walk up and down the stairs safely. They take one step at a time, holding on to the bannister with one hand, and holding their bag in their free hand. It is amazing how quickly they picked it up. In addition they have to go through the reception area very quietly as Mrs Carrington is often on the phone or talking to a parent. Climbing the staircase and going through the reception area quietly is a great achievement.

Language and Literacy

We engage with the children as individuals, as well as encouraging them to participate in group activities, where they will learn to share and take turns. This is a very important part of their development especially during the first term in Nursery.

A lot of the activities are geared to help the children access new vocabulary, particularly those for whom English is a second language. In addition their listening, visual discrimination and fine motor skills are also improving. We have a comprehensive timetable that ensures all children have the opportunity to work with a teacher as well as being able to choose for themselves activities in which they are interested.



Children work together to complete a puzzle



A small group discussing the look and feel of the ball

Working with Number, Colours and Shapes

There are many fun ways to expose children to numbers, shapes and colours. Playing games involving matching and sorting with numbers colours and shapes all help to develop mathematical thinking. As well as important focussed teacher led activities, we take every opportunity throughout the day to count.



Here we are having fun with numbers and shapes



Art and Imaginative Play

The children are given many opportunities to express themselves.



Painting the outline ready to decorate with other materials to experience textures.



Acting out real life scenarios while playing with the dolls



Using imagination in model making

All the activities in this area of learning continue to develop their fine and gross motor skills as well as their language.

Topic - 'My Holiday Adventures'

The first half of this term's topic is 'My Holiday Adventures'. We have been talking with the children about the places they travelled to during the long summer break. This has enabled them to share information about what they enjoyed about their visits as well as what they did with friends and family, most of whom live in faraway places. Some children stayed in Bahrain but had family and friends visit them, whereas some jetted off to their mother countries and others to places they had never been before.

Many children experienced all kinds of different elements and cultures during their holidays too. We have read a lot of stories linked to the topic such as *A long Way from Home*, *What I Took on Holiday*, and our storyboard is about Paddington Bear. We are slowly decorating our Nursery areas with the wonderful art and crafts produced by the children and they are very proud when they see their work displayed.



After half term holiday our topic will change to 'Winter Wonderland,' and we are already planning a short concert where parents can come and see how well our children are doing in Nursery. We will of course keep you informed of important dates for your diary and will let you know if you can help out in anyway with information or items from home that will support our topic.

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