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The British Preparatory School

YEAR 1

The children quickly settled into their new class and have already built up a good relationship with myself and my assistant, Mrs Sanchez. Mrs Sanchez is also our school nurse.

Year One's Reading Activities

The children read every morning for half an hour. They all participate in reading related activities whilst being heard to read on an individual basis at least three times a week. In addition to reviewing the initial individual sounds they have been introduced to ch, sh and th. They have been practicing correct letter formation of curly letters, learning the key Oxford Reading Tree words, making words using letter cubes, finding sounds in the reading books and playing games related to reading. Next half term the children will be answering comprehension questions related to their reading books and they will be learning to spell the most frequently used words for their age.



Literacy

The children enjoyed listening to stories. We have read the traditional tale of Little Red Riding Hood and completed work based on the story. They acted, sequenced, planned and then wrote their own story of Little Red Riding Hood. They thought of some excellent questions to ask Little Red Riding Hood when she came to visit.

The children have been giving and listening to instructions and they have been learning how to write them. They wrote some great instructions on 'how to brush your teeth' to give to Zapper the alien! They also gave and wrote instructions on how to make a jam sandwich.





Next half term the children will listen to the story "The Tiger Who Came to Tea" by Judith Kerr. Some work they will complete based on this book will include role play, writing lists, sequencing, planning and writing their own story of something coming to tea. The children will also learn about past tense vocabulary, writing recounts and they will practice using a dictionary. We will read the traditional tales of The Little Red Hen, Chicken Licken and The Gingerbread Man.

Numeracy

This half term the children have been introduced to adding. They have practised this by putting two sets of objects together to count the total. They then added by putting the big number in their heads and counting on, using a number line and a hundred square to help them.

They have been learning to count in tens and, using the base 10 apparatus. They have partitioned numbers into tens and units. This knowledge will help them to add with increasing speed and ease in the coming months.

With subtraction, the children have been practising using cubes, number lines and their fingers.

The children measured accurately using cubes. They enjoyed sorting, making repeating patterns and learning about shapes. They worked to order and compare numbers, and they estimated to make a sensible guess.



Next half term Year 1 will be continuing to reinforce the work on addition and subtraction.

They will learn about UK money and tell the time to o'clock and half past.

They will also learn to double and halve. They will make tally charts and learn how to put this information into a bar graph.

They will also work on the number bonds up to 10 and understand the different ways to make 10 by adding.



Topic

This half term the children have been learning about themselves. They have labeled parts of the body, painted their own portrait, made a family tree and thought about their favourite things. They have used a stethoscope to listen to their hearts and they have practised putting a sling and a bandage on their friend. They have had time to role play and dress up in the hospital.

Next half term Year One's topic will be habitats. This will include Oceans and Coral Reefs, Polar Regions, Deserts and the Jungle. They will use lots of non fiction books to investigate different habitats and they will watch informative internet clips on the projector. They will write facts about camels and polar bears and use adjectives to describe different habitats.



Art

They have been learning about the primary and secondary colours through colour mixing. They have also been busy making and contributing to large display pictures based on the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Next half term the children will shade and sketch in art lessons.

