

SPRING TERM 2016

# The British Preparatory School

## PRE-SCHOOL 2C

We have welcomed some lovely new children that have joined the class. All the children have started settling into their new classroom really well and are enjoying the daily routine. Most have now realised that school is a place where we can have fun and explore many new things.

Those children who were with us last term enjoyed their Christmas party. We had a very nice day and had a great time dancing and playing different party games. Here is a picture of us eating our lovely food!



Our main topic last term was Nursery Rhymes. This is an excellent and fun way to introduce the children to the rhythm of the language as well as increasing their vocabulary. Even if they could not yet vocalise the words, their receptive language was developing as they joined in at the appropriate times with the actions. The children really enjoyed this topic and we now use these nursery rhymes every day. We sang all the songs as well as doing lots of different art and messy play activities that went with the different nursery rhymes.

We also focused a lot on other areas of language development. We learnt all about the different parts of the body, our colours and animals. 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' became one of our favourite rhymes to sing!

Below on the left we are playing with jelly eggs during messy play. This was when we were singing 'Humpty Dumpty'. On the right we are playing with sensory beads and ice. This was when we were singing 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat'.



This term our topic is "In the Jungle". We will be doing lots of different art and messy play activities that link in with our topic. This will be a fun filled topic for the children. They will be learning all the different jungle animals and the actions they do and all the noises that they make too! We are learning lots of new songs that are related to this topic, such as 'Down In The Jungle', '3 Little Monkeys' and 'Walking Through The Jungle'. We will send out song sheets so they can be practised at home also. This term we will also be concentrating further on colours and shapes.



In the classroom we have many different resources that the children can play with. Each day the classroom is set up with different activities and the children can choose which one they would like to play with. All of our inside activities will enhance their fine motor skills and their language development. Outside there are many different climbing frames, cars and tricycles for the children to choose from. These are designed to strengthen their gross motor skills. We are also introducing running and car racing games. For further language development and, to introduce more social skills of sharing, taking turns and cooperation, we organise ring games. Here are some different activities we have been doing.



We have lots of children in the class who have started potty training or that are already potty trained. Well done to all those children and Mums! Please do let us know when you start potty training your child at home so that we follow your system/method and do it the same way. Please remember that your child has to be completely toilet trained before going to Nursery in September.

We are looking forward to sending home all our lovely pieces of art work to do with our topic. The main book we are focusing on is Rumble in The Jungle by Giles Andreae. If you have other colourful books to do with the jungle, please encourage your child to bring it in and we can read them during the school day.

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to me or make an appointment if you need a more private conversation.

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