

SPRING TERM 2016

The British Preparatory School

YEAR 1

Year One's Reading Activities

The children will continue their daily reading activities this term. They will be learning the long vowel sounds and the different ways to spell them. They will continue to practice their spellings, handwriting and comprehension during reading time as well as being heard to read on an individual basis.



Practicing spellings by playing spelling Twister!

In English the children enjoyed listening to stories. Last term we read "The Tiger Who Came to Tea" and completed work based on the book that included role playing, writing lists, sequencing, illustrating the story and writing our own version of the book. This term we have already read the traditional tales 'The Little Red Hen' and 'Chicken Licken', and have been busy completing lots of work based on these books. This work, and pictures of the children, can be seen in the area outside our classroom.



Acting out 'The Little Red Hen'



Baking bread like The Little Red Hen



Planning a Story

Year One have enjoyed learning about rhyme and have been writing their own poems! First they worked with their friends to think about the different sounds that food can make and then they wrote a very interesting poem about food. Afterwards, they used their senses to write a rhyming poem based on the ones we have been reading in class.

We shall continue to focus on improving the children's writing this term. They will use adjectives (WOW words!) in their writing to describe characters and animals both in stories and in different habitats. They will write instructions using a variety of opening phrases such as First, Next, Then, Afterwards and Finally and they will also be learning to use past tense vocabulary to write recounts.

Numeracy

The children have been continuing to practise adding and subtracting numbers. They put two sets of objects together to count the total and took away objects from a set. They counted in tens and partitioned numbers into tens and units.



Finding Half



Number Bonds



Subtraction

The children measured accurately using cubes using language such as taller, shorter, longer, higher and smaller. They made repeating patterns and learned about more complex 2D shapes, such as octagons and pentagons. Working together, they sorted shapes based on their properties and animals based on habitats.



Measuring



Sorting



More or Less

They have been busy using UK coins to make values and buying items from the shop!



Paying for items in the shop



Year One are now learning to count in multiples of 2 and 10, add using a hundred square and add by counting on from the big number. They are reviewing number bonds and using this knowledge to help them to add values to 10, and beyond. They will read and solve problems related to addition and subtraction, practice doubling and halving numbers, begin to tell the time to o'clock and half past the hour and make tally charts and bar graphs.

Topic

In the first term the children began the topic of habitats. They started by learning about animals and plants that live in the rainforest and jungle. They learned where some rainforests are in the world and what it is like there. This was enhanced by our visit to the Cultural Hall to see *The Jungle Book* on stage.

This half term the children have been learning about Oceans and Coral Reefs, The Polar Regions and the Desert. Before the Easter break the topic moves onto plants, first by naming parts of plants, then planting their own seeds, observing growth and learning about factors which affect a plant's growth.

Art

In the art lessons, we have shaded and used pencils to make patterns. They have made their own polar animals out of clay and they will use junk modeling to create a desert scene.

In the second half term they will create a relief picture by using seeds and leaves from our local environment.



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