

SPRING TERM 2016

# The British Preparatory School

## NURSERY

After a long winter holiday we were very happy to welcome the children back to start their second term in Nursery. The New Year has brought with it lots of exciting new ideas to help the children get the most from their experience at school.

### Language and Literacy



We have a comprehensive selection of books in our book corner and library - children love books!

Mark making on the chalkboards to help develop pre-writing skills

As well as teacher led activities, children are encouraged to have quiet time in the book corner to help develop concentration and free choice.



## Working with Number, Colours and Shapes



Number rhymes are fun and an interactive way to encourage learning about numbers.

Number puzzles are a great visual and practical aid. This one is particularly good to match the correct numeral to the objects.



A lot of learning about numbers, colours and shapes is incidental throughout the course of a school day. We take every opportunity to point out the characteristics of everyday objects and on a daily basis we sing at least one number rhyme. Whether the children are joining in on a one on one basis, in a group or self-chosen activity, they are constantly learning.

## Gross Motor Skills and Physical Development

Bending and stretching exercises help us warm up before physical exercise.



Developing good balance and hand/eye co-ordination.



## Art and Imaginative Play



Having fun making 3D models of snowmen



Acting out real life scenarios in the home corner



All the children love playdough and enjoy making familiar objects with it



This group is working together to build a tower

## Nursery Topic - Winter Wonderland

Our 'Winter Wonderland' topic was extremely exciting for the children. They learnt about different creatures that live in colder climates, elements of winter in certain parts of the world and types of clothing for such weather. Nursery had lots of fun being creative in all activities throughout our 'Winter Wonderland' topic. We learnt a lot of new songs, acted out rhymes and created some beautiful art work and crafts.



## End of Term Concert for Parents

Nursery enjoyed learning and acting out the actions for the songs in our end of term concert. It was lovely to see that all the children participated and sang their hearts out - we were very proud! It was encouraging particularly for those whom English is a second language.



## Term Two - Down at the bottom of the garden

This term, we will concentrate on things that grow in the garden such as fruits, vegetables, flowers and trees. We hope to develop the children's knowledge and understanding about the characteristics of plants and trees. We will introduce insects into the topic and again hope to do a small performance based around 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' story as well as sing a lot of new songs learned over the weeks.

The children will plant a seed, take care of it and monitor its growth. They will perform an experiment that will allow them to see a bean rooting and shooting. We will have fruit and vegetable tasting with an emphasis on healthy eating. It would assist us if you could ensure your child brings a small piece of fruit daily as part of his/her snack. We will discuss what your child has brought during 'Show and Tell'.

We will continue to work on the pre-reading skills of visual discrimination, sequencing, audio discrimination and memory training as well as an early introduction to sounds. All our children can recognise their own names, trace them and some can write them from memory. We shall concentrate on recognising numbers up to 10 and writing numbers 1 to 5. Every day our children are introduced to different experiences as we always strive to make your child's learning fun and exciting.

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