

SUMMER TERM 2016

The British Preparatory School

YEAR 1

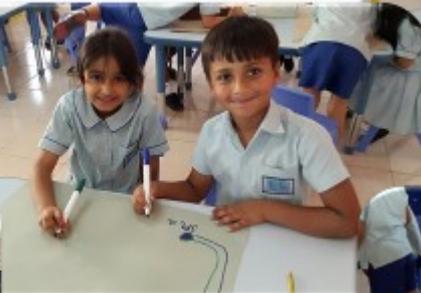
Literacy

Year One continue to have reading based activities every day. They have been working on their fluency as well as putting expression into their reading. They have worked on both literal and inferred comprehension through regular written exercises. During literacy sessions the children have worked on writing their own descriptive sentences, practised handwriting, spellings, speaking and listening. The children have played games, read and written sentences focusing on the phonetic sounds of:

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| Long vowels; | ay - play, | ai - rain | a_e - cake |
| | ee - tree, | ea - leaf, | y - happy |
| | igh - light, | y - fly, | i_e - kite |
| | oa - coat, | ow- flow | o_e - nose |
| | oo - moon, | ew- flew | u_e -cube |

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| In addition; | oi - boil, | oy - boy, |
| | ou - cloud, | ow - cow |
| | ir - girl, | ur - purse |

Some of the literacy lessons this term have been based around stories. The children have listened to stories from other cultures, thinking about the contrast with their culture and surroundings. They have asked questions, listened to answers, role played, planned and written their own story based on the story, 'Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain'.



The children loved watching a performance of 'James and The Giant Peach' at the Cultural Hall. They have learned about the author Roald Dahl, and read extracts from some of his other stories. We have completed character descriptions of 'The Twits', written instructions for our own 'George's Marvelous Medicine' and written our opinions on the performance that we watched.

Year One will also read 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and complete work based around this famous story. They will go on their own hunt for something, perhaps a monster or a dinosaur, and then generate ideas of what obstacles might be in their way. This story uses a great deal of imagination and the children will love acting out and performing their own stories to the class. They will also write another fantasy story in the final weeks of term.

At the Cultural Hall to see the performance of 'James and the Giant Peach'



Numeracy

This term in numeracy lessons the children have been consolidating their understanding of:

- Addition and subtraction using different strategies and apparatus
- Comparing and ordering numbers
- Counting in multiples of 10's and 2's
- Using British money to accurately make values of 20p and beyond. They have been to the 'shop' and purchased more than one item, and they have had experience of giving change.
- Doubling and halving of even numbers to 20
- Reading and understanding word problems including addition and subtraction, halving and doubling
- Finding the difference between two values using cubes and the hundred square
- Recognising and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- Reading the time on the hour, half past and quarter past the hour



Repeating patterns

Topic and Art

This term the topic has focused on plants, seasons and weather. The children have enjoyed creating experiments to see how water travels from the roots of plants, through the stem and to the leaves. They have planted and taken care of their own flowers, watched a bean life cycle and they have noticed what happens to plants when placed in the wrong conditions for growth. They have discussed weather around the world, seasonal changes and they have talked about what the weather is like in Bahrain compared to other places. Year One have observed their shadows at different times of the day and thought about why they have changed and they have learned some facts about how to take care of themselves in the sunshine.



In art, the children have learned about Vincent van Gogh and have recreated his painting of 'Sunflowers'. They have made a collage out of beans and seeds and they have sketched, labeled and drawn plants in their environment.

In this half of the term, the topic will focus on mini-beasts where the children will investigate many different kinds of insects and learn about their life cycles. They will produce art work based on the topic, including making a mini beast out of clay, junk modeling and create real life sketches based on what they can see.

It has been very pleasing to see the progress of the children throughout this year both academically and socially. Mrs Sanchez and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the children this year and we wish them well in their new schools next year!

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