

SUMMER TERM 2016

The British Preparatory School

RECEPTION

Literacy

Last term the children were very busy in Reception reinforcing their learning of the single sounds of the alphabet and practising how to write them. Some children have been learning the digraphs ch, sh, th, ng and how to tackle the consonant blends. The children have been using their new knowledge of the letter sounds to write CVC words. They will continue to reinforce their sentence writing skills this term as we model and continue to practise sentence writing related to our topic or weekly news. The emphasis here is on using a capital letter at the start of the sentence, tackling the spelling of the words, putting spaces between the words and remembering the full stop.



The children have developed their pre-reading skills and are learning to read common sight words daily and those related to our topics. If flashcards have been sent home, you can help your child by going over these regularly. The words on the flashcards should mainly be treated as sight words and therefore the children should not be encouraged to sound them out apart from maybe looking at the initial sound as a clue. We continue to deliver a range of fun speaking and listening activities so that the children can practise their language skills and extend their vocabulary. This term, through handwriting activities, we will continue to practise correct letter formation often through Oxford Reading Tree related tasks. Some children have started to work on comprehension cards related to their reading books.

Numeracy

In numeracy we have been playing lots of games and using visual supports to help the children understand the concepts of addition and subtraction. In these pictures you can see some of the children pretending to be firefighters and putting out (taking away) fires. The children have also been learning how to identify one more or one less than a given number using objects and, for some, a number line. This term we will continue to practise these skills through activities related to our new topic of animals to make learning fun. The children will be learning number bonds to 10 and how to calculate doubles. We will also be learning to tell the time by taking a look at o'clock and half past times. You can support your child by practising how to write the numbers at home or looking at numbers in the environment e.g. prices or signs in shops.



Topic

We had fun last term learning about 'People Who Help Us'. The children were captivated by a visit to our class by a local dentist, Dr Zahra. They were challenged by the dentist to identify foods that are healthy and unhealthy for our teeth and they also received teeth brushing advice. We finished our topic last term on a high note as we were lucky enough to visit Budaiya Fire Station. This was an action packed morning with all the children having a chance to climb in the huge fire truck, hear the sirens and even use the water hose! What a treat!

For our final topic we will take a look at animals and particularly focus on how animals help us and the foods we get from them. This will involve studying some of the animals we see here in Bahrain like camels and horses and looking at the traditions associated with them. We have turned our role play area into a farm shop so that the children can identify the products we see everyday in the supermarkets and how farms produce these.







Dr Zahra

Fun at the Fire Station!

Some Gentle Reminders

As the weather is getting hot please remember to put some sun cream on your children before they come to school.

You can cut out and put this visual timetable on your fridge to help you and your child remember what they need each day.

Day	Activity	Things to remember
Everyday	Healthy snack and water bottle 	Don't forget to pack some fruit and vegetable in your snack box and bring a water bottle with your name on.
Sunday	PE 	We will not be reconvening swimming so please continue to come dressed in PE kit with uniform in your child's bag to change into after the lesson. Please remember to bring your uniform as we often get hot and sweaty in PE!
Tuesday	Dance 	Wear your PE kit and bring your uniform to change into after dance.
Thursday	Library 	Library book! You will not be able allowed to take a new book home if there is a book outstanding.

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