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Introduction

Year 2 have had a busy two weeks. Keeping in mind Dr. Martin's first chat with us, the learners have been working hard, having fun and being nice to each other. We are using the Nexus **RECIPE** to continue to build on our essential agreements. This week our focus was using kind words and actions with each other.

We have our learner-led assembly on Friday, 20 September and our field trip to Forest Adventure to look forward to in the next few weeks, so we will have lots of opportunities to work together as a team and look after each other.

Unit of Inquiry

We have had some interesting brainstorming sessions throughout our inquiry into schools and the systems that keep us organised. One of the questions that came up was *"What are other schools like?"*. We asked our pool of teachers and parents so we could get different perspectives.

The learners had a question-answer session with our Head of School, Mr. Beach. The learners were curious about the schools he had worked in; which school was the best organised and what were some of the similarities between the schools. No prizes for guessing the answer to the question, *"Which is your favourite school, Mr. Beach?"*

We were also lucky to have Mrs. Joanne Prestwich, Jack and Lizzie's mother, to share with us the story of a school, set up by her parents in Africa.



Mathematics

In Ms Miriam's group the learners have been working on understanding the relationship between numbers and place value using base-ten blocks. They have been rehearsing counting on in tens and exploring the value of the digits in three digit numbers. In Ms Nicola's mathematics group the learners have been looking at reviewing our knowledge and understanding of the number bonds to 10 and 20 and looking at a range of strategies for estimating and checking results when counting. If you would like to support your children at home with this we have included a few website links below.

<http://sg.ixl.com>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/numeracy.shtml

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>



English

Reading Groups: We have set up our reading groups and have been working closely with Ms. Margaret to set up literacy centers in our classroom. The children will bring home books to practise and discuss at home from this Friday.

Writer's workshop: We have been reading the story *Ish* by Peter H Reynolds. The children really loved this story and the concept that everyone can have different perspectives on what is good and what is not. In the story Ramon found out that thinking '*ish-ly*' is so much better than getting everything right the first time.

You can view the story here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vplCaczeQ9o>

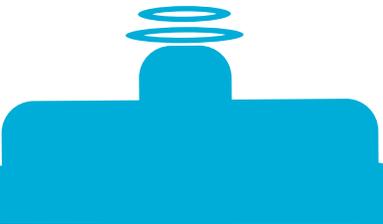




Languages other than English

A message from Andy Jefferson

As you may be aware, we have been carrying out some simple diagnostic tests with the learners of Chinese. Based on these tests, we have grouped the learners according to their current level in the language. This grouping will allow us to deliver a more personalised learning experience and provide more suitable challenge for everyone. As both groups are now made up of learners from B and G classes, they will also have an opportunity to interact and learn with a different group of peers.



Reminders

Field Trip: Next Tuesday we are heading off on our field trip to The Forest Adventure at Bedok. A reminder that learners need to wear their PE kit, trainers, school hat and carry a packed lunch and snacks and water.

Assembly

Our first Unit of Inquiry will culminate on Friday, 20 September when Year 1 and 2 children will present their learning in an assembly. We know the children are looking forward to sharing their learning with you and hope you will be able to attend.

Moon Cake Making Thursday, 19 September

Parent Teacher Conference Wednesday, 25 September

