

Nursery Newsletter

7 June 2013

It has been a fabulous term for the learners in Nursery, as they have spent many weeks exploring and being part of various learning experiences. They have been actively engaged in play opportunities with their peers and developed important skills such as communicating, turn-taking and sharing. One of the highlights of this term has been the learners' participation in the 'Minibeast Madness' production. It has been a huge effort from them to learn the songs, the actions and go up on stage to perform. They had a fantastic time wearing their costumes and being part of the extraordinary experience. In class, the learners have continued to be involved in activities such as PE, music and also learning colours and numbers in Chinese.



Literacy

In literacy, the learners have been focusing on the letters 'p', 'i', and 'n' over the last few weeks. They have been working hard on word building activities and enjoyed learning the jingles that go with the letter sounds. We have been reading quite a few books written by Eric Carle, as he has written a few books on minibeasts. We read 'The Very Busy Spider', 'The Grouchy Ladybird' and the classic 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. The learners had a great time going on a hunt outdoors looking for pictures of food that the very hungry caterpillar ate. They also had a great time being part of a drama session in class pretending to be the very grouchy ladybird. We also enjoyed reading Julia Donaldson's 'The Snail and The Whale' when we were learning about snails.



Numeracy

In numeracy, learners have continued to focus on number recognition and also practised matching number to quantity using counters and also through playing games, such as number bingo. Learners have also been playing games online to reinforce their knowledge of 2D shapes and we have also been looking out for shapes around our class. We have been looking at properties of 2D shapes and also creating patterns using them. Learners have also been trying to categorise objects according to shape and size.

Unit of Inquiry

In conjunction with 'Minibeast Madness', the learners have been discovering more about minibeasts over the last few weeks. We have investigated minibeasts, such as caterpillars, butterflies, ants, spiders, snails and ladybirds. Learners were keen to find out how they live, what they eat and how they move. We had a great time copying the movements of the minibeasts and learnt more about them through educational videos and through factbooks as well. The learners were particularly captivated by how these creatures changed, in particular the process of metamorphosis. They avidly watched a video of the transformation of a caterpillar to a butterfly. They have enjoyed creating different minibeasts through craft activities and using these opportunities to talk about similarities and differences between them.

It has been a great pleasure teaching the learners in Jellyfish Class and I have enjoyed every moment of being part of their journey of learning and discovery. Heartfelt thanks for all your support throughout the term. Best of luck to David, Tessa, Ciel, Samuel and Katie as they move to Kindergarten. I wish all of you a wonderful holiday.



Reminders

Any remaining library or reading books need to be returned to school ASAP

Thursday, 13 June	Year 6 Assembly at 8.40 am Mufti Day (\$1 donation) - children to wear uniform to school and bring their mufti clothes to change into
Friday, 14 June	Last day of term - children finish at 12 pm
Monday, 12 August	Start of next academic year

If your child is absent from school, please contact Student Services, studentservices@nexus.edu.sg, at your earliest convenience, and provide them with your child's name, class and the reason for his or her absence. Student services will then pass these details onto us. Student Services will follow up any absences that remain unexplained after 9.00am each day.