

Year 2 Newsletter

7 June 2013

Although the end of term is fast approaching, there has been no slowing down in the learning taking place in our classes. The past few weeks have been very busy, with the highlight being the final performance of 'Minibeast Madness'. We were very proud of all our learners, as they put on a terrific show. This event would not have been possible without the support of parents who made costumes, designed props and helped the children learn their parts. Thank you so much for your help.

Looking back, it is wonderful to see the progress the children have made since joining us. Thank you for the support you have provided in making this year so successful. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Edward (Logan's dad) and Amelie (Daniel's mum) for their wonderful organisation in their role as class reps. We hope you have a relaxing holiday and we wish all our learners luck as they move forward into the next academic year.

Literacy

In Literacy lessons, the children have been learning to write descriptive poetry. They have learned about similes and were able to create imaginative examples of their own. They also wrote a poem using their five senses. The publishing of this work allowed the integration of ICT as the children experimented with changing font style, size and colour, and importing pictures into a word processing program.

The children are now working on playscripts. They are working in small groups to add a new insect group to the original 'Minibeast Madness' play. They are making very good progress with writing dialogue and stage directions for their new characters. Maybe we will see these changes included the next time 'Minibeast Madness' is performed.

Please note that home readers will not be issued next week. We strongly encourage the children to keep practising their reading skills by reading books of their own at home, using Reading Eggs and visiting their local library.



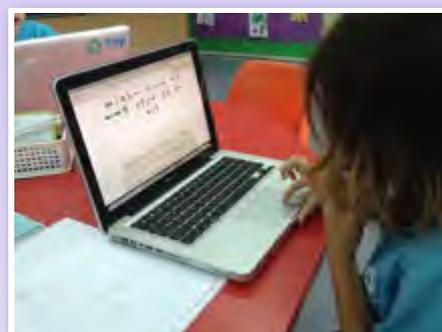
Mathematics

Over the past few weeks the learners have covered a couple of topics. First, we looked at symmetry and the children found symmetry in shapes and patterns. They used techniques such as folding and using a grid to help them. We also learned about reflective symmetry and used a mirror to check for horizontal and vertical lines of symmetry.

During our work on capacity the learners had lots of hands on practical experience measuring sand and water in different containers, first using non standard units and then in millilitres and litres. They familiarised themselves with reading the scales on measuring jugs and practised filling them up to certain amounts.

As we approach the end of the year we have been reviewing and practicing some mathematics skills such as column addition and subtraction and will complete a final assessment for this term's learning. Children can continue to use Mathematics at home during the holiday.





Unit of Inquiry

The learners have been excited to learn about and try out different forms of communication, including semaphore and sign language. We looked at some of the modern types of communication that we have, such as mobile phones and TVs, and how they have changed over time. We discussed why they might have changed and when we might use them.

We tested out communicating with Skype and were able to talk to and ask questions of a Year 1 class at Star International School in Dubai.

Mr Bailey also came to visit us to discuss with us what personal information was and how important it is not to share personal information with strangers, particularly if we are online, such as in a chat facility that is part of an online game. He also shared with us our school email addresses. We practised logging on to check our emails and also sending and responding to them. In future years at the school the learners will use their email accounts in everyday.



Reminders

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

- Thursday, 13 June** Mufti Day (\$1 Donation) and Popcorn Party
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.