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## Introduction

Our trip to the Port of Lost Wonder on Sentosa Island was a great way to start the new Unit of Inquiry and it really sparked our imagination as the learners embarked upon their new learning journey. While on the trip and at all times we are remembering the school **RECIPE** and trying to follow it in everything we do. Thank you to all the parents who helped on our trip and really reminded us that the **RECIPE** includes learners, teachers and parents.

## Unit of Inquiry

Our second Unit of Inquiry is called Explorers and Adventurers and we kicked it off with our wonderful Year 3 and 4 trip to the Port of Lost Wonder on Sentosa Island. There were many creative and imaginative costumes on display and we even found the time to make magnetic compasses using a cork and a pin and crack a secret code before we had some fun in the water. This UOI will follow three lines of inquiry as follows:

- Why people explore
- The ways in which people explore
- The results of exploration

This week our learners have brainstormed a range of interesting and intriguing questions to direct their learning and have taken the first steps in producing an interactive Google Map showing the adventures a famous explorer went through on their journey.

## English

Our learners have been visualising the chocolate room in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and making connections between the text, the films and their own lives. Linked with our new UOI, they have begun researching explorers through history and we have focused on skills for finding information, including note taking and summarising. Buddy reading has been a great success in both classes with the learners forming great learning relationships with their reading buddies. Learners, remember to keep your reading books in your library or diary bags as you may need them any day of the week.

## Mathematics

Continuing the theme of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, our learners have designed their own number factories where a number goes through a machine and undergoes a series of different mathematical operations, coming out a little bit different at the other end! We have also done amazing things with decimal numbers while buying ingredients, before making and finally selling our own range of Chocolate Factory themed treats. The other primary classes came to our Chocolate Market on Friday and agreed they were all truly scrumptious! This was one of the many exciting activities that took place on Roald Dahl's birthday. Mr Dahl himself visited the children in the library and was amazed by the creativity of the learners' costumes.



## 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.

## Reminder

Please feel free to send a change of shirt with your child each day. They may wish to change shirts after a very sweaty game of football at lunch time.

Please make sure all clothes, water bottles and snack and lunch containers are clearly labeled with your child's name and class.

Moon Cake Making                      Thursday, 19 September

Parent Teacher Conference              Wednesday, 25 September

Term 1 Holiday starting                      Saturday, 5 October



