



# Nursery & Kindergarten Newsletter

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## Nursery

The learners in nursery have been having a fabulous time over the last two weeks, exploring and engaging in the various activities in class. We are glad that our new friends, Zheqing and Charlie, are now settled in the class. The learners have actively engaged in learning the 'Animal Boogie' and 'Animal Sounds' songs, which they performed so well for us today.



## Literacy

Over the last two weeks we have been focusing on the 'a' sound in class and enjoyed learning the Jolly Phonics jingle *Ants On My Arm*. We have read *Monkey Puzzle* and *Panda Bear, Panda Bear what do you see?* to link to our Unit of Inquiry on 'Animals' and learners have been 'jumping into the book', pretending to be characters in the story.



## Mathematics

We have enjoyed working on number recognition and the class also started exploring matching numbers to quantities. The learners are getting more familiar with playing circle time numeracy games and also enjoy using our digital devices to engage in online numeracy games.

## Unit of Inquiry

The learners are immersed in the Unit of Inquiry about 'Animals'. Last week, we looked at different animals that can be kept as pets and this week we have been investigating more about animals that we can find in the zoo. Learners have been looking at National Geographic videos to gain greater insight about the various zoo animals we will be visiting next week. We have also been using non-fiction books to find out more about these animals. During free flow play sessions, learners have been having a great time building their own zoo in class using big blocks and small world animals.

## Kindergarten

We hope you enjoyed our assembly this week. This was a great opportunity for the learners to showcase their learning during their Unit of Inquiry. Thank you for joining us at the Primary School Swimming Gala last Friday. The learners worked tremendously hard and showed a range of water-based skills. In class they have been working equally hard. Let's find out what they have been up to.

## Literacy

Last week the class read the book *Handa's Hen*. They sequenced the story and wrote about the animals they read about. This story linked in with the Unit of Inquiry focus for that week on Animal Life Cycles. The class continue to learn sounds with two letters, such as 'ow', 'oi', 'oa' and 'or'. The learners have been reading and writing words with these sounds.

## Mathematics

The class thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Singaporean currency last week. They started to recognise the basic values (\$1, \$2, \$5 and \$10) and used toy money to buy items in our class shop. Additionally, they played Money Bingo and Money Snap to aid their recognition of the different denominations. For some of our learners we continued to practise recognition of numbers to 20. This week the learners grouped objects in sets of 2, and sequenced numbers to 20 in 2s.

## Unit of Inquiry

Last week's focus was on 'Animal Life Cycles'. The class watched videos of hens and sea turtles laying eggs, and sequenced the events in these creatures' life cycles. They also learned new vocabulary associated with these life cycles, such as hatchling and juvenile (the correct term for a teenage sea turtle). This week the learners have also been finding out about 'Night and Day Animals'. They learned that night animals are called 'nocturnal' and day animals are called 'diurnal', and they have learnt to sort and group different animals into these categories.



## Reminders

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| <b>1 May</b>           | Labour Day (school closed)                         |
| <b>2 May</b>           | Trip to the zoo                                    |
| <b>4 May</b>           | NISS Beach clean-up                                |
| <b>24 May</b>          | Vesak Day (school closed)                          |
| <b>31 May (9.30am)</b> | Nursery, Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2 Production |

The CCA programme has now finished for the year.