

Nursery & KG1 Newsletter

Junior School

15 February 2013

Gong Xi Fa Cai! I hope you had a restful break. I would like to congratulate our class on their Chinese New Year performance. We hope you enjoyed their Fashion Show. If you aren't already aware our class is now called 'Starfish', and stars they have certainly been. Here's what they have been learning over the last two weeks.



Literacy

Last week the learners embraced Chinese New Year and read the story of the origins of this celebration. They wrote Chinese New Year cards and did some shared writing on items associated with celebrating the New Year. They also made a Chinese New Year wish during circle time, where some of the learners reflected on what they would like to get better at in school. Others shared what toys they would like to receive.

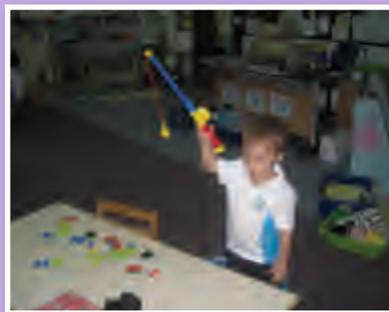
The KG1 learners wrote words in groups using the sounds 'oo' and 'ee', and also played word games with the sounds 'ai' and 'ng'.

Our Nursery learners have been practising their fine motors skills by cutting straight and wavy lines. They have also been reading big books in small groups and engaging in puppet play and singing.

Mathematics

In connection with learning about Chinese New Year, our KG1 learners have been learning about ordinal numbers such as 1st, 2nd, 3rd and so forth. They ordered the 12 Chinese Zodiac animals and matched them to their corresponding numbers. Additionally, they played interactive games on the *SmartBoard* where they ordered objects and animals according to their ordinal number. This learning will continue to be reinforced through the writing of the date every day.

Our Nursery learners continue to learn through number rhymes and counting. They have been making salt dough snakes with up to 5 sections and developing their counting with one to one correspondence (matching a number to the objects being counted).



Unit of Inquiry

As our current Unit of Inquiry comes to an end, the learners have been reflecting on their favourite part of their learning during this unit. Some of the highlights have included our visit to the local Fire Station as well as interviewing Mr. Beach and the School Nurse.

Last week the learners reflected on how each community helper has a role to play in each other's lives as well as our own. They discussed how several emergency community helpers can help people in various situations and matched them to several scenarios.

Our next unit will look at the importance of water in our lives.



Reminders

New Library Day:

The new library day will be on Tuesdays. Learners will choose their books on this day and will need to return the book on the following Monday.

New P.E Days:

Land based PE on Mondays and Thursdays.

Show and Tell:

This is a reminder for new students that learners can bring in an item in for show and tell on Fridays.