NEXUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SINGAPORE

Embracing Diversity. Challenging Minds.

Year 1 Newsletter

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We have had a very busy two weeks. The learners and all of the teachers had a fantastic time at the Swimming Gala last week and all of our learners did their best to showcase their developing swimming skills. Credit must go to our wonderful swimming coaches, Mr Jeffrey and Ms Kristinn who have done a great job working with our learners in the pool.

Literacy

In the Dolphins' class, the learners have been working hard on writing a few sequential sentences to tell a story. They have been practising this by writing about *The Three Little Pigs*, which most of the learners know well. The children did a good job of first sequencing the pictures in their story and then writing the matching sentences to tell the story.

In the Penguins' class, we have been focusing on the **'r'** controlled vowels **'ir'**, **'er'** and **'ur'**. The learners are getting really good at remembering which **'r'** controlled vowel is associated with which word. This is assisting their spelling and they are applying this knowledge to their writing.

Mathematics

In the Dolphins' class, our line leader has special jobs to do every day. He or she reads the learning intention for the day and changes the date on the calendar. Next, the line leader records the number of the day with tally marks and says what is one more and one less than that number and 10 more and less than that number.

Both classes have been consolidating their understanding of place value. Most of the learners are now showing a good understanding of what digits mean and can explain what the 1 in 13 means.

We are just finishing our study of Singapore money, so watch out for eager shoppers emerging from our classes.

The learners are using Venn diagrams in all learning areas this week to compare and contrast two groups of objects. We have compared houses, numbers, technology equipment, words and even musical instruments.

Unit Of Inquiry

The learners have been inquiring into what a home is and what materials homes are made of. They are now starting to inquire into whether where we live affects how we live. This will be quite relevant to children who have recently moved to Singapore or who will be leaving soon.

Reminders:

1 May	Labour Day (school closed)
4 May	NISS Beach Clean-up
24 May	Vesak Day (school closed)
31 May (9.30am)	Nursery, Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2 Production

The CCA programme has now finished for the year.