



# Egypt British International School

## Teaching & Learning Stuff

What Have We Been Learning – Year 1 Autumn Term 2021 (Sept – Oct)

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Half Term



In English this term we practiced writing sentences and using punctuation. We also worked on learning the different types of sentences. We explored the use of full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. We also had fun re-telling our book focus stories for this half term, which were 'Funny Bones' and 'Sparks in the Sky'. We learnt how to write a narrative for a character and a setting description.

This term we discovered the use of nouns and adjectives. We focused on identifying a noun and then describing it with as many adjectives that can relate to it. The children started reading short stories during our guided reading sessions; they are getting really familiar with their tricky words and enjoying reading with expression.

At the start of this term, the children were assessed individually on their speed sounds knowledge and were then streamed into Read Write Inc. speed sounds classes that match their levels. Old and new sounds were reviewed and introduced. The children were taught how to break down the sounds and decode words for easier reading. Fred the Frog accompanied us in all our phonics classes. He helped the children to sound new words and used the 'Fred Fingers' technique to write the words correctly. They worked both in pairs and individually on different activities. We did not forget our alien words for each sound to make sure the children know the sounds by heart.



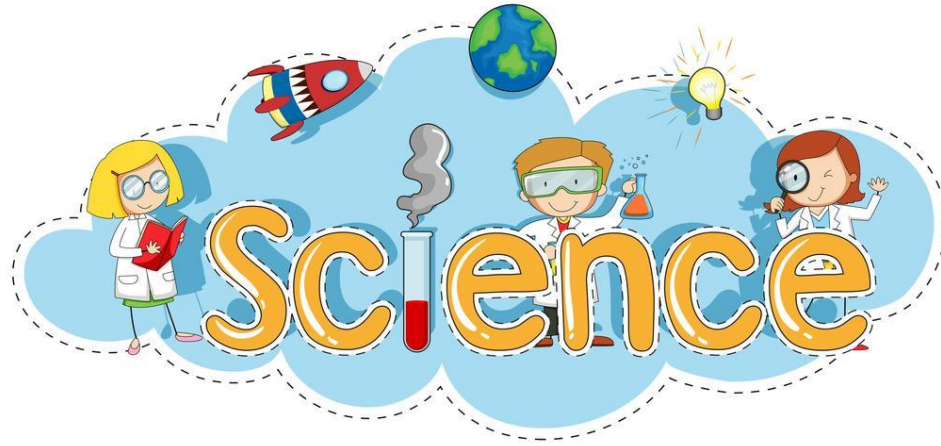
In Maths we had lots of fun counting using a 100 square grid and using recognition and different strategies to add and subtract up to 20. The children love playing Maths games and are getting really confident counting forwards and backwards. We also learnt how to count in twos and identify one more and one less, starting at any number whilst using a 100 square grid.

The children really enjoyed problem solving equations and working them out using a number line. The children learnt to add using number bonds to 10 and worked out what the missing number was to complete their equation.

We had fun exploring 2D shapes; we did a hunt around the classroom and identified which shapes have straight lines and which shapes are curved.

To support our learning the children loved playing lots of interactive Maths games and enjoyed the use of Maths manipulatives to help them count.

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During this half term in Science, we have had lots of fun learning about our bodies and what we can do with certain parts. We also learned about the skeleton and learned some of the simple vocabulary, as well as singing lots of songs about it. Also, we learned about some animal skeletons, which the children found really interesting.

Later on, we moved on to learning about our five senses, we went on a senses walk around school to see what we could, hear, see, taste, touch and feel. We discussed our eyes and sense of sight and why it is so important. We touched different materials and began to describe them. Also we did a small experiment where we had to guess the smell of different smelly stickers. It really has been so much fun learning all about our bodies.

During this half term in World Studies, the children learnt all about the seven continents and the five oceans. They enjoyed colouring and naming them, they also learnt a song in relation to the seven continents.

We focused on two countries Egypt and England. The children identified England in the United Kingdom with its surrounding neighbours Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. They discovered Egypt and learnt its famous landmark and cuisine. To wrap up the term the children made their own little mini book about their world involving which continent and country they belong to. We had fun in World Studies with the challenging quizzes we did to name the continents and oceans.

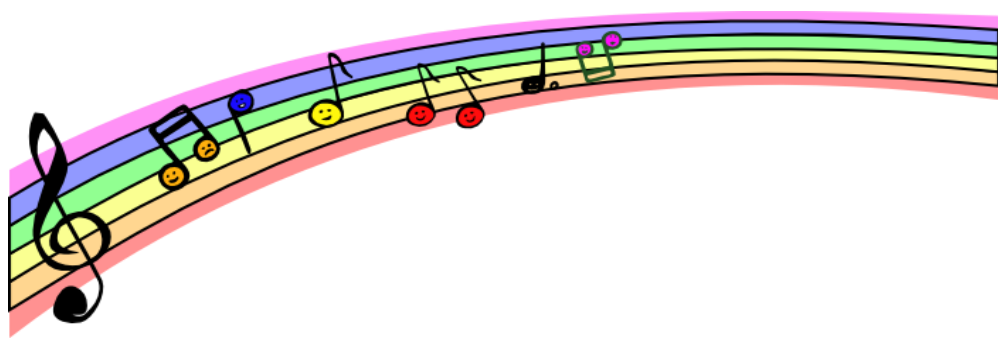


## **Theme: New Beginnings**

Our theme this term offered the children the chance to see themselves as valued individuals within our EBIS community, in addition to, understanding how to stay safe and happy within their classrooms. Throughout the theme children learned how to differentiate between different feelings such as feelings of happiness and excitement, sadness, anxiety and fearfulness, while learning (and putting into practice) shared models for 'calming down' and 'problem solving'. Children were also taught how to make people feel better by giving them different scenarios where they do have to decide how the person feels in every situation and what are the different ways to make him/her feel better.



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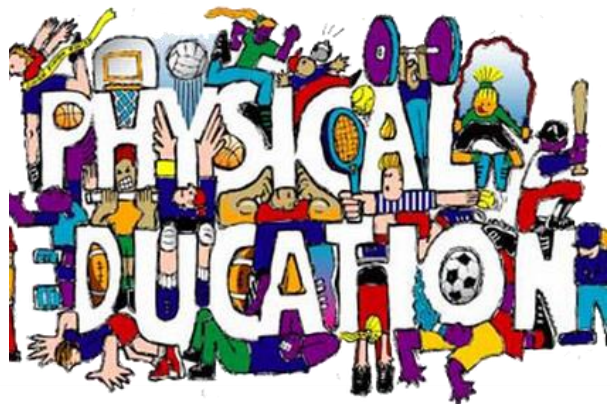
## Music

In Music the children had fun using different instruments to match their vocals. They enjoyed singing and dancing to percussion beats and liked to listen to different styles of music.

## Art

In Art we learnt how to draw self-portraits. The children made lots of who I am crafts, and designed their selfie picture.

The children had lots of fun engaging in colouring and making 3D acorns to stick on autumn leaves.



This term we worked on football games, it was very interesting for all children especially for the boys. The football game has a lot of benefits, it teaches coordination, increases bone strength, lowers body fats and improves muscle tone, increases cognitive brain function... etc.

We learnt all the basics about the game and also learnt a lot about its rules too. We practiced dribbling, passing and shooting. The children had so much fun playing against each other when we played matches.

## Computer Science

The students learnt about online safety and to know how to be safe while using the internet. We looked at many examples to keep information safe and the importance of parental guidance used.

