



Egypt British International School



What Have We Been Learning in Year 1 – Newsletter # 1



In English this term, Year One practiced writing sentences using capital letters and full stops. We reviewed our common exception words and learnt the correct spelling of them.

The children were excited to re-tell their book focus stories for this term. They learnt how to write a narrative for a character and setting description.

They were also introduced to nouns and adjectives, understanding their definition and their use in sentences. Our main focuses for grammar was focusing on identify a noun and describing it with as many adjectives that can relate to it.

In RWI phonics, the children have been revising sets 1, 2, 3 and are getting very confident saying simple CVC words using Fred talk or using their heads. We played lots of interactive games and also did simple dictations of words to help the children with their reading.

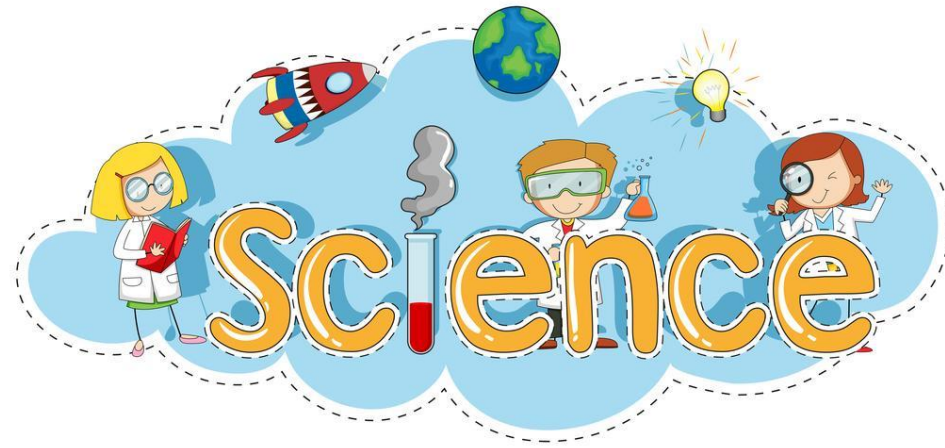


In Maths the children had fun counting and solving number bonds to 10 and 20. We also identified numbers using a 100 square grid; this aided them to count forwards and backwards.

The children love exploring new strategies with the use of recognition and quantity advancing their Maths skills day by day. Our highlight was identifying one more and one less to any given number. We also focused on number bonds to 10 and to 20 and learnt different ways to use addition with the many available math resources.

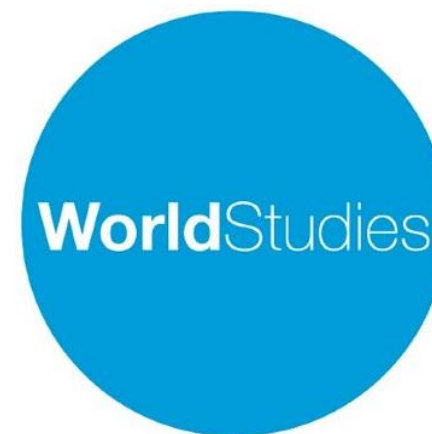
We had fun exploring 2D shapes; we did a hunt around the classroom and identified which shapes have straight lines and which shapes are curved. To support our learning the children love to play lots of interactive math games and enjoy the use of objects to help them count.

Teaching & Learning Stuff



In Science, we had lots of fun learning about our bodies understanding what we use certain parts of the body for. 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. Next, 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 smell experiment where we had to guess the smell of different smelly stickers. It really has been so much fun learning all about our bodies.

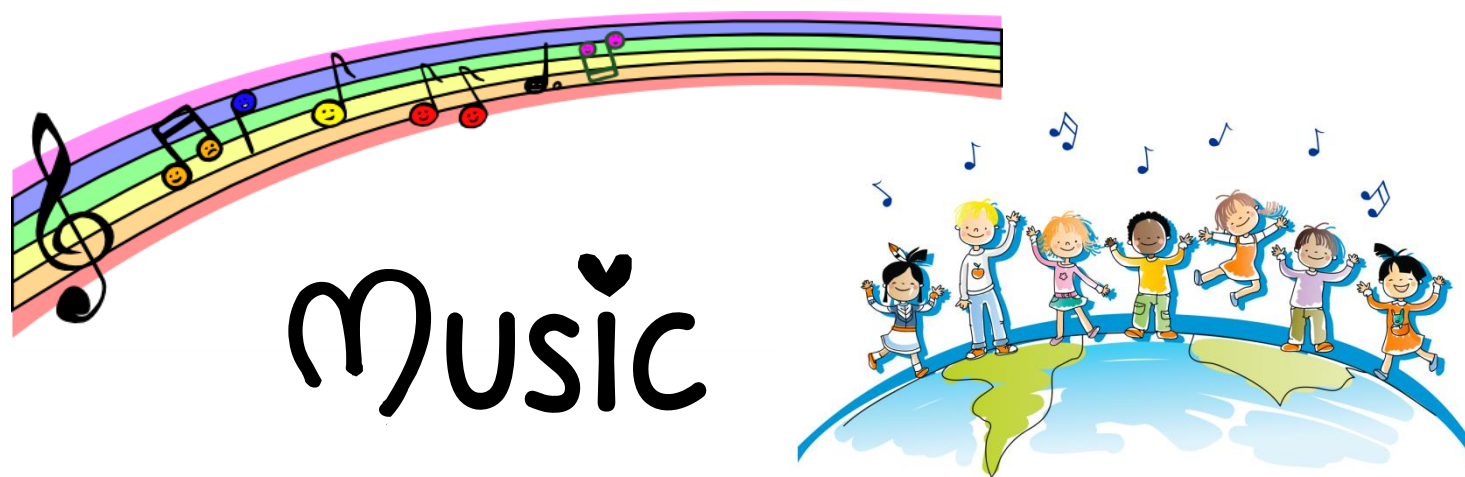
In the first term of World Studies, children got introduced to the world map to understand that they are from a country and a city. They also learnt about important sights of Egypt, such as the Pyramids of Giza. Children were introduced to the United Kingdom and its four neighbouring countries. They discovered the capitals of each country and important symbols in England like the capital city London and its many famous landmarks.



Social Emotional Aspects of Learning Topic: New Beginnings

This theme 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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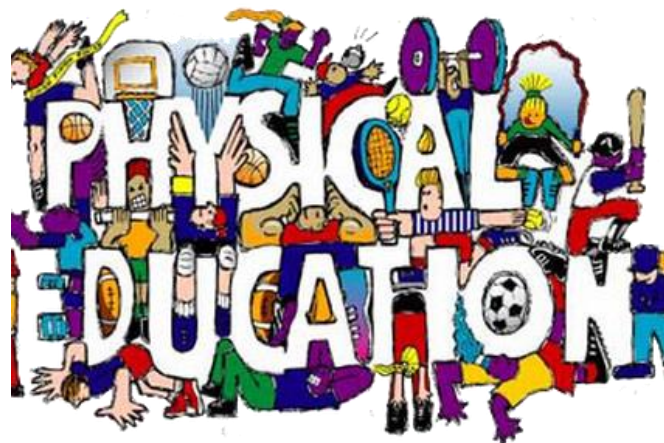
Music

In Music the children have 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 the children have learnt how to draw self portraits. They made lots of who I am crafts, and designed their own self picture. The children have had lots of fun engaging in colouring and making 3D acorns to stick on autumn leaves.



Year 1 children worked on football games, it was very interesting for all the children especially for the boys. A football game has lots of benefits, it teaches coordination, increases bone strength, lowers body fats, improves muscle tone and increases cognitive brain function... etc

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

Computer Science



Year 1 children have 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.