



Egypt British International School



What Have We Been Learning – Year 2 Autumn Term 2022 (Sept – Oct)

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Half Term



Fiction Genre: Stories by the same Author

Non-Fiction Genre: Instructions

In September, we delved into fiction stories by the famous author, Oliver Jeffers. The children started the theme with the story of 'How to catch a star.' They learned how to identify characters and settings. The children also got introduced to the main parts of story writing through a story mountain.

Continuing with Oliver Jeffers, the children learned how to talk the text of the story, 'Lost and Found.' They were very enthused and had lots of fun telling the story while acting out the actions through pictures. They showed great levels of excitement and enjoyment! The children got the chance to innovate and create their own version of the story by changing the characters, setting and other details and wrote the story on their own during a 'Hot Write.'

The children also got introduced to instructional writing and its features. They learnt how to chronologically order their sentences, include time connectives and imperative verbs 'bossy verbs'. They then used all these special features to write their own instructions for recipes and their daily activities/tasks.

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.



We started off our Math curriculum this year by touching on some of the year one objectives consolidating on the children's prior knowledge.

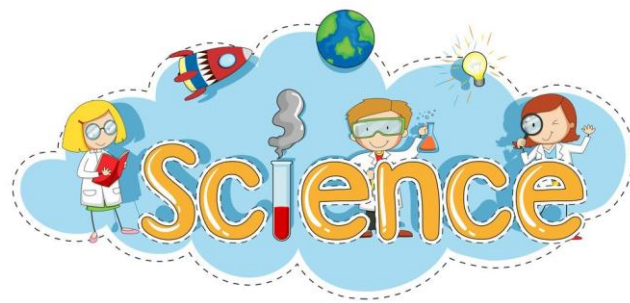
Children were then introduced to place value in numbers 0-100 and learnt different ways of comparing representing and ordering. They estimated and counted a number of objects up to 100, located numbers on 0-100 beaded lines and 1-100 squares. Additionally, they compared pairs of numbers and understood how to find a number in between; how to order three numbers and how to even order 2-digit numbers.

Furthermore, we revised on our number bonds to 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, and began to learn related subtraction facts; know multiple of 10 number bonds to 100 and learn bonds to 20.

Towards the end of this term we focused on identifying and classifying 2D shapes, using a variety of 2D shapes. Children learnt to sort them according to symmetry, properties using Venn diagrams, they also identified right angles on 2D shapes, then sorted them using Venn diagrams. Children were also introduced to a two-way Carroll diagram and learnt how to sort shapes and objects.

Teaching & Learning Stuff

Topic: Weather and Seasonal Changes



In science, we started off the year by learning about weather and seasons. The children learnt about each of the four seasons, its weather, clothing and the changes in nature that take place during each season. Children were also able to identify the three months associated with each season and they are aware of when their birthdays are!

We then moved on to differentiating between weather and climate. The children got introduced to weather forecast and are now able to read and translate weather symbols. We ended this half term by learning about the different instruments used to measure the temperature, wind, rain, snow and finally the direction of the wind.

Year 2 children have enjoyed learning about this topic this term and are able to relate more with the different weathers they get to experience, see and feel every day.

Topic: Oceans and Seas

Through a series of lively and interesting activities the children built their knowledge of oceans and seas around the world. The children consolidated their knowledge of the seven continents of the World and then zoomed into the Great Kingdom of Britain (UK), where they were introduced to the four nations: Scotland, Wales, and England and Ireland. Additionally, they also learnt about the seas that surround the UK.

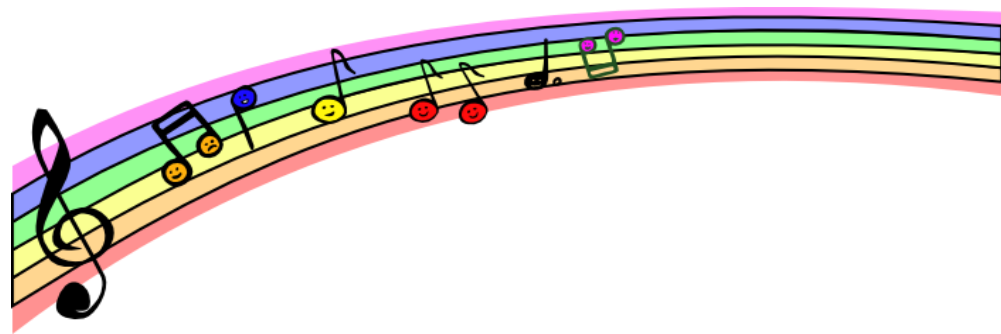
Children then looked into detail about the largest ocean in the world, the Pacific Ocean. They explored its location on the map, the many different living creatures that occupy the Pacific Ocean, as well as, investigating how waves are caused and how they move.

Last but not least the children learnt about the importance of the Oceans and how it helps us, they now understand that Oceans help provide humans with food, oxygen, medicine, transportation and that it is home to many living sea creatures!



Topic: New Beginnings

Our theme this term offered the children the chance to see themselves as valued individuals within a 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 feels better. During our SEAL lessons, lots of circle time in the classrooms and discussion took place where children set and decided on their own classroom rules and agreements.



Music

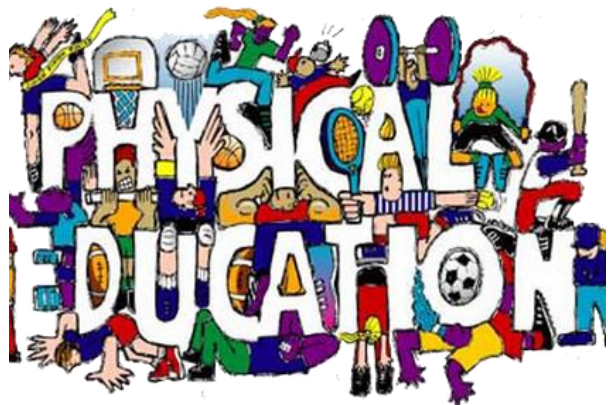
This half term, the children have been very excited to dance and learn how to sing and dance with the song, following the beat and using percussion instruments. Furthermore, they also have been able to sing songs in slow and fast tempo, using the metronome and discovering new musical terminologies.



Art

This term the children enjoyed making a variety of activities throughout this term! They made a School bag and a 3D frog. They also loved creating their Chinese dragon - using coloured paper to create its body and colour pencils for the head and tail. Additionally, they painted a Cherry Blossom tree and used crepe paper to create its pink flowers.

For the children's final week, they created their 3D spider to celebrate Halloween!



Our P.E lessons this term was full of excitement and lots of energetic children who were so excited to finally be back on campus and to enjoy their P.E lessons outdoors again. This term, the children worked on their football gaming skills, which everyone adored, especially the boys. Throughout their lessons, children were taught how football helps improve their coordination skills, how it increases bone strength, lowers body fats, improves muscle tone and most importantly how it increases cognitive brain function. Additionally, they learnt basic football game rules, practiced dribbling, passing, shooting and definitely played several fun matches!

Computer Science

This term the children learnt about 'Online safety'. They were taught that online safety refers to the act of staying safe online and that it is also commonly known as internet safety, e-safety or cyber safety. They also understood that online safety includes all technological devices which have access to the internet from PCs and laptops to smartphones and tablets. They also learnt that being safe online means individuals are protecting themselves and others from online harms and risks which lead to unsafe communications or even effect their wellbeing.

