

Repton Dubai: Foundation News

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What a Start!!!

The Foundation Department is a hive of activity and all classes are busy as bees. As you walk around the department, children are engaged and happy and learning through a variety of wonderful experiences.

We have made a great start to the new academic year and we welcome all our new children; families and staff with open arms.

The Staff have been extremely busy ensuring that the children have a wide selection of experiences to help them learn and grow through a fun and stimulating environment.

We look forward to the year ahead and all the fantastic learning opportunities that the children will experience.

This article allows you to have a window into the education of our Foundation children. We will send you an email to let you know when the articles have been uploaded to the school website.

Wishing you all a lovely October break and to those of us celebrating Eid during the holiday, we hope you have a wonderful celebration.

Shiobhain Brady
Head of Foundation

Reception News

The children in Reception have made a super start to the year. It's nice to see them all settling well and rising to the challenge of being in Reception. Our phonics programme well underway and the children are thoroughly enjoying learning their letter sounds through our Read Write Inc programme.

Each session they learn a new sound and practise saying the sound and writing it. The teachers always plan lots of other exciting activities around the letter of the day to ensure every child has the opportunity to remember that very important sound.



In Reception Rainbow Fish, when they looked at 'i', they melted ice by dropping water on to it with pipettes. Inside they discovered hidden objects beginning with 'i', such as igloo and insects.

Reception Sea Lions were pppprince and pppprincesses for the day and wore beautiful crowns that they had made.



Reception Seahorses enjoyed using uuuumbrellas and pouring water on each other in the garden.



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Reception Dolphins explored a classroom full of exciting things beginning with the 'e' sound.



Numeracy lessons are also very practical; the children have explored a whole range of mathematical areas. In Reception Starfish they had fun creating repeating patterns; this helped to develop their conservation of numbers and colours.



They have also enjoyed recognising and ordering numbers.

Reception Lobsters have been practising their number formation with the help of Ten Town. Each number has a short story to explain how it looks and a rhyme to help the children recall the correct formation.



Each week the Reception classes also explore numeracy topics through our weekly key stories.

In Reception Stingrays, they enjoyed weighing and baking just like the old lady in the 'Gingerbread Man' story. Other classes measured giant footprints left behind from the 'Jack and the Beanstalk' story.

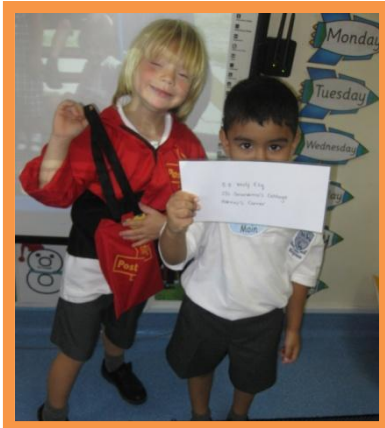


This term's topic of 'Houses and Homes' and especially the stories of the 'Jolly Postman' have allowed the children many opportunities to explore and develop their confidence and knowledge of the world around us.

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Children in Reception Stingray, enjoyed dressing up as Postmen and delivering the mail.



Through the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', Reception Whales decided that, at snack time, they would have a teddy bears picnic out on the grass.



As you can see the children have had a very fun and busy half term. We are very proud of all their hard work and looking forward to beginning our next topic based on 'Who We Are and Where We Live'

Kate Edwards
Head of Reception

Nursery News

The Nursery children have had a fantastic start to their life as young learners here at Repton.

They are all now fully immersed in the wonderful learning environments that are their classrooms and are enjoying experiencing and exploring a wide and varied range of activities.



At the very start of the term the children were learning about the night time sky. We explored the idea of stars and space; as well as nocturnal animals and night time routines.



Through our topic of 'Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear' we also had the opportunity to go on a teddy bear's picnic, they sang songs and enjoyed making and eating special picnic food.

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Clownfish really enjoyed bringing their Teddies outside to the garden, it was quite warm but they drank lots of water and stayed safely in the shade.



More recently, we have looked at clocks and learnt about different times of the day. The Nursery Turtles loved pretending to be mice and went for a cheese hunt all around the Foundation building looking for cheese to eat and clocks to climb!



As the weather now begins to cool down we are looking forward to taking many of our learning opportunities outside the classroom. Look out for lots of pictures and news of our garden activities each Tuesday.

In the next few weeks, the children in Nursery will partake in their first school trip to the aquarium at Dubai Mall. There are lots of trips planned over the coming months and we hope to see the children flourish even more with what we have in store for them.



Emma Balsom
Head of Nursery