

Primary Newsletter- Number 16 **Week 2nd - 6th January 2022**



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

PRESCHOOL

Preschoolers have been showing fantastic attitudes during online learning. We listened to The Very Hungry Caterpillar and started building our vocabulary by answering the questions in longer sentences. We learned the s sound in phonics and focussed on words that begin with the sound. In Maths, we recapped shapes, colours, and objects that match.

Reception

Reception children were outstanding with their online learning this week. In phonics we learnt a new digraph 'ng' and we learnt the tricky word 'you'. Children were encouraged to read and write words and sentences with the same. We continued recapping addition in Maths and our topic for this week was 'Celebrating Birthdays'..

Year 1

Year 1 have been exploring 3D shapes. They have learnt the names of them and have been sorting, naming and solving problems with their properties. In English, a strange video crept onto our Google Classroom; many things were going missing and luckily, Year 1 have figured out that Hermelin will save the day! They have written some sentences using is, are and adjectives to talk about the lost items.

YEAR 2

We have started the new year off with online learning and we've all done an amazing job. In Maths, we have started our multiplication topic looking at equal groups and arrays. In English, we have looked at identifying nouns, proper nouns and verbs and how to use them in our writing. In Foundation, we started our new topic on Castles.

Year 3

We are very proud of our year 3 students who have adapted fantastically to learning online this week. They have been using their, grouping sharing and times tables knowledge to solve multiplication and division problems. We have started exploring our vehicle text The Rhythm of the Rain in English and in Science the children have been rock detectives, collecting their own rock samples and using some tricky new vocabulary to describe their properties.

Year 4

It has been a week of superb online learning from our Year 4 students! In English, they have been working hard to tackle tricky and confusing words (homophones) as well as using apostrophes for contraction. In Maths, the children have started to look at multiplying by 0,1,10 and 100. We were absolutely blown away by the Roman title pages created for our new Foundation topic!

Year 5

Children in Year 5 have been showing fantastic attitude during online learning. For Maths, we have been learning about multiplying 4 digit numbers by 1 and have moved on to multiplying by 2 digits using area models. In English, we have explored and investigated our exciting new story: Sherlock Holmes and the Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

YEAR 6

Online this week, the children have explored our new book for English - Rose Blanche. They have written a contrasting poem and explored the themes of the text. In Reading, we have enjoyed reading the first chapter of Letters from the Lighthouse. In Maths, we have been working on reading and placing coordinates on the four quadrants of a grid. Lastly, in Foundation, we identified the Allies and Axis powers during WW2.

Español

Year 1: Has been reviewing the topic of the fruits and students have started to learn vocabulary about vegetables.

Year 2: Has been learning the parts of the house using the correct article in singular and plural.

Year 3: Has been learning to describe their house using affirmative and negative sentences.

Year 4: Has been learning the question words in Spanish.

Year 5: Has been learning to conjugate the regular verbs in Spanish

Year 6: Has been learning to conjugate the singular and the plural of the verbs ending in AR,ER,IR.

Music

This week Primary students have been playing music games and body percussion. We are learning about musical notation and instruments of the orchestra (brass, percussion, woodwind, and string families), listening to the sound of the instruments and trying to understand the difference. Students have been practising singing different melodies with SolFa hand signs. Pupils practised "Hello song", "Bounce high", "Apple tree", "Count on me" songs. All pupils have been practising how to sing with proper singing technique.



These children have
had their birthday
this week

Jack Lourenco
Marley Engely
Zeinab Ibrahim
Saoud Al-Shafei
Mokshita Padhan



WB 9th January- Online learning
continues

WB 30th January- Sports Week

WB- 6th February- Half-term break

STAR OF THE WEEK

Lion Class- Maira Ahmad

Llama Class- Isaiah Thomas

Zebra Class- Aaraav Sharma

Bat Class- Lisara Kotalawala

Giraffe Class- Gesandu Amarasinghe

Camel Class- Zayed Mirza

Otter Class- Ashaaz Mahadi

Panda Class- Yara Ali

Hippo Class- Sheanli Ambara

Penguin Class- Ghanem Ghanem

Bear Class- Adam Matar

Turtle Class- Raed Shahbaz

Kangaroo Class- Sayed Hassan Alawi Shehab

Lobster Class- Shivansh Modgil Marwaha

Falcon Class- Fatma Mostafa

Flamingo Class- Abdul Ahad Azhar



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

CHAMPION OF THE WEEK



Year 2

Shaikha Al-Amri



Year 5

Branden Thomasz



Year 3

Jeya Devi



Year 6

Zhafir Sukiman



Year 4

Himan Ranathunga
(195,072 coins earned)





Information



All the staff at DBS Wakra would like to wish our whole school community a very happy new year. There will likely be challenges along the way, twists and turns, and bumps in the road, but our wonderful DBS Wakra family will stand tall, strong and resilient, united in kindness, friendship and respect for whatever this year has to offer. All the best for a successful 2022.



ONLINE ECAs

ECAs will run for 4 weeks from Sunday 9th January. Please see the post on Class Dojo or letter from Miss Rogers if you wish to sign up.



Online learning until 27th January.

The MOEHE has announced that online learning will continue for the next few weeks.

Here are some tips for you and your children.

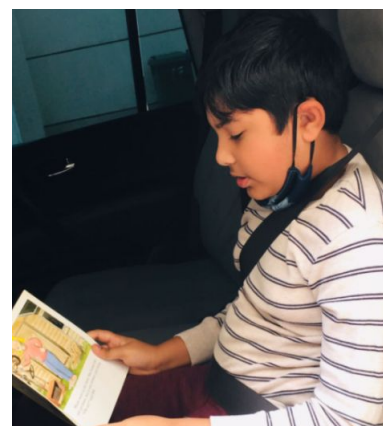
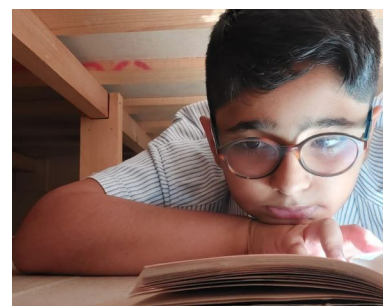
Prepare for your school day at home.

- Have breakfast and put on your school uniform
- Find a quiet and comfortable space where you can work successfully at home.
- Attend all lessons the teachers set for you.
- Use your student email address to access Zoom.
- Take breaks, eat and drink plenty of water.
- If you get stuck, your teacher is there to help you.
- Your attendance will be part of your end of year report, so if you can't make a lesson or a piece of work will be submitted late, please, let your teacher know.



Holiday Reading Challenge

Over the winter break, our students were challenged to photograph them reading in unusual places. Take a look at some of the photos. More can be seen on our social media channels.



If you have any photographs of extreme reading, please, share them with your child's class teacher.