



Message from the Headmaster

Welcome back to everyone after the half-term break. The children have settled in very well to their class routines, and we are delighted to welcome two new pupils into Year 1: Nour El Fekih and Ahlem Abougirat. Last month we undertook a very successful Open Morning for prospective parents who may wish to enrol their child for the next academic year starting in September, and we will be announcing a day when new Registrations have to be entered.

In our twice weekly Assembly we have looked at a number of themes, including the various cultural traditions of Chinese New Year, such as the Dragon Dance and Fortune Cookies, and the importance of doing things for other people without seeking reward. We like to celebrate the success of individual pupils by awarding a 'Star of the Week' for each class, and this has proved very popular. We are looking forward to World Book Day on 7th March so please help us to make that special!

Reception children on a wonderful outing to Science City to see the Dinosaur Exhibition



Year 1/2

In Key Stage 1 we have been enjoying our topic on Travel and Transport. The children designed and made wheeled vehicles from junk. In Science we learned how electricity flows around a circuit, and we made circuits with headlights for our vehicles which you can see in our classroom. We are now exploring other kinds of light.



In our classroom we set up a Travel Agency where the children love booking holidays to all sorts of exotic locations. One of our parents kindly came in to talk to us about the airport as part of our learning in Geography and Tunisian Cultural Studies. We have been doing a class role-play about booking a holiday to Tunisia and exploring its deserts, mountains and beaches. As part of this we even checked-in our bags at an 'Airport Check-in Desk' and caught a 'plane' to Tozeur! We had a marvellous time. We are glad to have some more new arrivals in our class; welcome to Ahlem and Nour! We are really looking forward to this next half-term.



Year 3/4



In Key stage 2 we have been learning about Ancient Rome and myths. The children drew their own interpretation of Venus and we talked about the Goddess of Love. They chose a God or Goddess, did some research in pairs and presented what they found to the class. We also did a role play after learning about Aeneas and his quest; the children found it fascinating that he met Dido in Carthage. They have started looking at monsters like the Minotaur, doing their own research and then drawing and writing about these creatures. In Science we enjoyed doing experiments on how to keep water warm, and we also looked at thermal insulators and conductors; the children then made their own accurate conclusions. In Maths we continued working on division, multiplication and times tables.



Early Years



In Nursery, we enjoyed doing an Assembly about space to the whole school and we performed two space songs: 'Spaceship to the Moon' and 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star'. The children also introduced the planets to their audience. We have enjoyed reading books outside, and playing with our new sand. We are learning about winter clothes, and so our role play area has become used for dressing up. We have seen a lot of improvements in many areas of the children's learning.



Just before our half term holiday, the Reception Class visited Science City to look at the Dinosaur Exhibition. It was very interesting, and here are the children's comments:

Aidan: *We went on the bus. I saw a T. Rex.*

Omar: *I learnt that dinosaurs died out because a meteor hit the earth.*

Lyne: *I didn't know that the dinosaurs would be so big.*

Maria: *In the movie we saw one dinosaur eating another one.*

Lina R: *It was scary. Dinosaurs have sharp claws.*

Yode: *Stegosaurus swished his tail and another dinosaur went flying.*

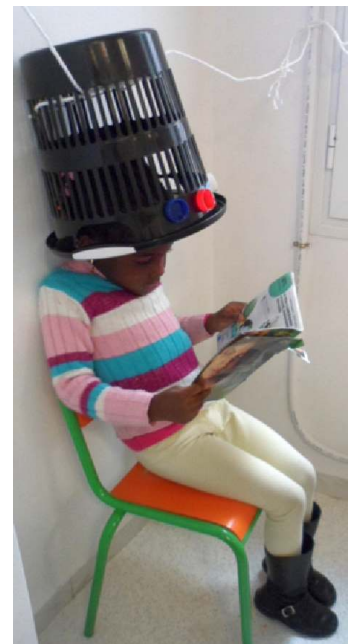
Lina B: *We learnt that dinosaurs come from eggs. We saw a skeleton.*

Esther-Joy: *We saw a huge dinosaur.*

Before ...



... and after!



We have set up a Hair and Beauty Salon in our role-play area this half term. It will help the children with their Speaking and Listening Skills and also Numeracy and Literacy. As you can see we had great fun when Miss Tineke came to visit the salon!



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