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International Pre-School Bahrain

Explorers' Class March 2018



Spring time.

In the 'Explorers' class we have been feeling the heat of the spring weather! We have been enjoying a lot of water and ice explorative play along with looking at spring colours and shapes. We have made our own flowers and trees out of our clay and playdough and we have created some wonderful paintings with spring colours. We have been fortunate enough to watch our baby ducklings, chicks

and rabbits grow into big animals. The children are enjoying being close to nature and ensuring the wellbeing of our animals.

Unit of Inquiry.

We are continuing our unit of inquiry this term, which is 'How the World Works'. We have moved on from cooking, and



have focused on spring time.

The children have shown us a strong interest in different

animals as well so we have carefully integrated these two focuses to come up with interesting learning experiences for the class. As it is getting hotter, we have been exploring more water play. We are looking at different types of fish and what colours, shapes and sized we see. We have been encouraging the children to sort out the fish into different categories, to encourage verbal language and

mathematical thinking. The class has been looking outside to the flowers and the vegetable garden to inspire our paintings. We can see many different colours,

shades and shapes in the plants. The children are using their creative minds to express how they visualise the plants. We



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will be ending our Unit by having our spring celebration and egg hunt.

Coming up next term.

Next term we will be beginning our new unit of inquiry 'How We Express Ourselves.' We are going to be inquiring into our feelings and how we can express them in positive ways. We will be exploring many different forms of self-expression and we will research together what different feelings look like for different people. Our class will work together in knowledgeably demonstrating our gentle hands, listening ears and kind hearts to our new classmates that will arrive in the beginning of Term three.

End Notes:

Now that the weather is warming up can all parents please make sure that your child is wearing sunscreen before they arrive to school, and have a water bottle each day.

We will also have messy and water play activities throughout the week, so we are asking for all children to please bring a spare set of clothing for your child to be able to change into.



Teachers: Carmen, Grizzle, Carina.

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The Creators Class

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At EtonHouse lots of smiles were had with the arrival of our new ducklings. The children spent many minutes watching them bathing in the water. Small, fluffy and cute!

The children created Mother's day cards and each child spoke at Circle Time on why their Mothers are so wonderful? Comments from the children were "My Mum is the best in the whole universe'. My mum is so sparkly when she wears dresses ', My Mummy is so pretty and 'I love Mummy'.



Ms. Lynn's class have been learning about Materials. The Creators welcomed Zarina and Edward to come and talk about their research projects. Zarina spoke about materials and some of properties and Edward spoke about plastics in the environment.

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The Creators enjoyed the planting of a sweet potato, we talked the colour, texture and the roots. Each Creator used a trowel and planted them in the soil.



At the beginning of the third term we will be working on our new unit of inquiry “How the world works”. We will be introducing night and day cycles, seasons and health and safety related to climate and seasonal changes. We will be discussing weather changes in your child’s home country and clothes we wear for

different weather experiences. We will also be looking at night and day and the routine of our day.

We will be having Earth Day /Spring Fair on Saturday 21st April from 10.00 am – 1.00pm. There will be lots of activities in all the classrooms.

I wish you a relaxing break and I will look forward to welcoming you all back for an exciting third term.

Happy Holidays,

Teacher: Kay

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The Thinkers Class

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Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed a very busy term that has included a number of field trips to enrich our inquiry into “Materials” and their properties. The children have really enjoyed this unit and I can see by their actions, learned a lot. They have become aware of the finite nature of some of our resources and the effects of plastic on the environment. They are choosing to recycle themselves and reminding others to do so, too.



Their presentations were very informative and engaging. I was worried that six minutes may have stretched them to present, but often twenty minutes later they were still going. I thank you for your support in assisting them with their preparations.

This term we have been fortunate to have Edward and Jack join us and it is hard to believe that they haven't always been here, as they are now very settled in the class.

I am excited to see the children's development in all aspects of their learning. In particular, their love of reading and dramatic play is outstanding. They

encourage and support each other, often listening to a friend read a book they are already familiar with and providing support and guidance. Some of them are even reporting to me the words their friend is having trouble with.

Their play continues to develop and now they often plan their play cooperatively prior to going out, negotiating roles, settings and materials to support them. They are better able to solve disagreements and empathize on how others may be feeling.

I am very proud of the way they are including John in our afternoon activities and supporting him in



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class activities. Likewise Zoya, is joining us throughout the week and again they are demonstrating caring and inclusiveness.

Term Three

The first two days next term I will be teaching both Ms. Kay's class and my own while Ms. Kay is taking some emergency leave. We will work in Ms. Kay's classroom as she has some new students starting at Eton House.

P.E

Fit Kids is an outside provider and will start on 11th of April. Schedule for Thinkers are Sunday 9:30, Wednesday 10:00 am.

Note: Schedule may change from Thursday to Wednesday.

Unit of Inquiry – Transport and the library area

Our next unit will explore transportation. We will investigate the forms of transport and why we use it. We will compare the transportation in Bahrain and our home countries. We will look to visit a range of transport modes as part of our study. If you have any suggestions of locations, guest speakers or are willing to give a short presentation about your home countries transport modes. Please let me know, you will be invited to participate. We will have a transport expo at the end of the unit to celebrate and demonstrate our learning.

In literacy we will continue to work on expanding our reading strategies and work on supporting comprehension by making connections to ourselves, other books and our world. We will examine the written genres of narrative and information report as well as increasing our scientific vocabulary.

In Math we will continue developing our knowledge of numbers to 50, counting to 100, making collections and recording our number sentences. We will review 2 and 3D shapes and developing language around faces, corners, sides and the properties of each shape.

We will start expanding our problem solving strategies, such as making a diagram or model, looking for patterns and making a list.

We will continue working on all aspects of measurement and begin to introduce formal measures eg: cm, meter.

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Water Play Afternoon



Our afternoon of water play was a huge and wet success. The children frolicked in the water pouring, hosing, tipping, shooting and screaming in delight. While this may appear to be just a fun activity, lots of learning around measurement occurred. I will have this event again regularly throughout term 3. As the heat soars



Spring / Easter celebrations

Thank you for your wonderful support of this event. The children enjoyed preparing our

displays and participating in the morning events. Of course your delicious snacks were very popular. The children's hats were fantastic and each unique.

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Mystery Reader

We will be starting this after the break. Each week we will invite someone to come in to read a favourite book to the class. Each day in the week prior to the visit we will give clues to the identity of our mystery guest. I hope some dads and mums will come to share their love of books. We can be flexible with the time to meet your schedules. The children love this activity and it is enhanced when you add some dress ups, stick puppets or items from the story. Please let me know if you are willing to share with us.

I am a Teacher

Each child will have the opportunity to share their knowledge about an area of interest and help us learn something. This could be a game, a craft, an easy cooking/ making activity, a sport or something that interests them eg: Lego construction, caring for a pet etc. Further details will follow next term. This is a great opportunity to develop their presentation skills and their planning skills.

Spring Fair/Earth Day

A reminder we will be holding this on Saturday 21st April from 10am - 1pm. There is an exciting array of events planned with a focus on environmentally friendly activities. Please share and invite your friends to come support the event.

I look forward to an exciting last term and hope that you will enjoy some quality time together. Thank you again for your outstanding support of our program
A special thanks to Edward's family for donating some puzzles, games and old clothes for the children. They have already been put to good use.

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