



# DISCOVERERS' EtonHouse<sup>®</sup>

Kindergarten

## CLASS NEWSLETTER

### Reminders/Upcoming Events

- ✓ World Maths Day- 5<sup>th</sup> May
  - ✓ Mother's Day- 9<sup>th</sup> May
  - ✓ Eid Al Fitr- 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May
- No Classes on 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May. Classes will resume on 18<sup>th</sup> May (Tuesday)
- \*Eid Al Fitr -Subject to change as per Ministry announcement

What a busy month it has been after we returned to school after the Spring break and it was Ramadan. Ramadan provided the children with the opportunity to find out more about this special time of year with Ms Fatima. It was also lovely to speak with the parents at the Parent Teacher Meetings, the children have been making great progress in their studies and it was nice to share this with their families.

Earth Day was a super day with lots of fun had by all. The children made pledges to look after the beaches and trees as well pledge to make sure they pick up their litter. Earth Day ties in so well with the Oxford International Curriculum and learning about sustainability and preserving the Earth's natural resources.

### ENGLISH (RECEPTION)

Reception have been working very hard on their last few digraphs such as *AR*, *OO*, *OU* and *OI*. They have also been writing simple sentences with finger spaces and a full stop.

**Top Tip: Ask your child to read and identify words with the sounds above**

### (YEAR 1)

In English, Year 1 have been doing prefixes and suffixes, focusing on handwriting and writing sentences using conjunctions such as *and* and *because*

**Top Tip: Ask them what words begin with a prefix and end with a suffix- see how many they know!**



### MATHS (RECEPTION)

Reception have been practising their counting in 2s as well measuring lengths using non-standard measurements. They have also been learning about pattern formation and have made some beautiful patterns.

**Top Tip: Have two lines of oranges or any object and ask your child to count in 2s. They can even make patterns with the oranges.**

## MATHS (YEAR 1)

In Maths, Year 1 have begun to learn about measurements and have been busily measuring and comparing different items around the school as well practising division and multiplication. Year 1 have also been counting in 2, 5 and 10s.

**Top Tip: Ask your child to line up different objects from around the home according to size, it could be cushions from the couch or pots and pans in the kitchen.**

## GLOBAL SKILLS AND WELLBEING

### (RECEPTION AND YEAR 1)

In Global Skills Project, the children are busy preparing for their Rainforest Play. We will send out a recording to you once it is complete. Each child has a part in the play and we will post on StoryPark what colour to wear on the day of filming.

**Top Tip: Ask your child about their rainforest animal**

In Wellbeing, the children have been exploring natural settings, which ones they love and why from parks to beaches to forests. It has been lovely to listen to their ideas and opinions.;

**Top Tip: Ask your child what the difference is between man-made and natural settings i.e. Lakes versus swimming pools**



## SCIENCE (RECEPTION AND YEAR 1)

In Science, the children have been learning about different materials which has tied into their Wellbeing and Global Skills Projects. The children can confidently explain different materials such as plastic, metal, wood and can compare how they feel and what they are used for.

**Top Tip: Ask your child to identify the materials around the home, ask questions such as "is it smooth or hard?"**



### ARABIC (RECEPTION AND YEAR 1)

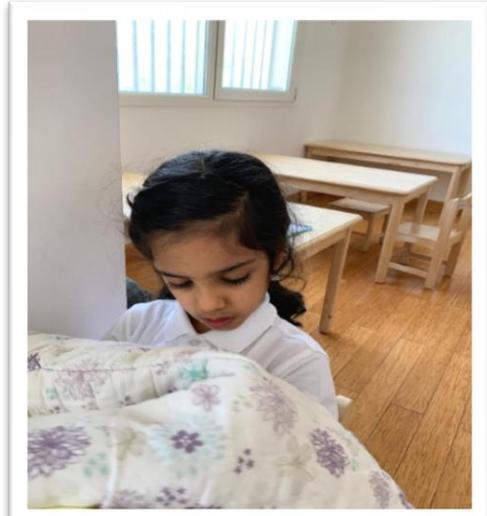
We started the third term with preparations for the blessed month of Ramadan. We made Ramadan decorations and designed Ramadan lantern for everyone. We got to know the culture of Ramadan and we enjoyed singing Ramadan songs. We learned the letter ش س and the things that start with the letter and writing the letter. The Eid will come soon after Ramadan, we will learn about Eid Al Fitr and design an Eid greeting card.

We have celebrated Gergaon which marks the midway point of Ramadan and the children enjoyed exchanging sweets and gifts in traditional style dress



### FRENCH (RECEPTION AND YEAR 1)

The children just love French and the fun activities. They are learning the names of animals and learning how to say them.



### NEW FRIEND

Discoverers class welcomed a new friend this month, Danya!