



# Bonsai Class

*E-Newsletter*



## IMPORTANT DATES:

- February 1st - Chinese New Year (Year of the Tiger)
- February 6th - 10th - Children's Mental Health Week
- February 13th - 17th - Bahrain Sports Week
- February 14th - Valentine's Day
- February 20th - 24th - Half Term Break

## Bonsai Class

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Are you as excited for Term Two as we are? First and foremost, Happy New Year! Welcome back to another wonderful term in the Bonsai class. It has been so delightful welcoming the children back into the classroom after the break and has been great seeing them slip straight back into their daily routines at school.

Our Unit of Inquiry for Term Two is “How the World Works” and we begin with learning about animals. The children have been investigating animal habitats and what they look like.

We have been recreating farm and jungle habitats with natural loose parts found around the school; we have also been exploring animal themed sensory activities and have been working on our gross motor skills by mimicking the way some animals move.



While the weather is wonderful, we will begin to grow our own little plants (and hopefully some fruit/vegetables) in the school garden and the children will learn about the importance of caring for plants. They have shown huge interest in where the food in their lunchboxes comes from. With the support of a book called: \_\_\_\_\_, the children know that apples grow on trees and that carrots grow in the ground which is why we will begin planting. We would really appreciate it if you could send in some seeds for the children to plant.

During circle time the Bonsai class have been doing our morning exercise song which the children love and we use this time to remind the children of our golden rules.

### **What's Next?**

We have an eventful month of February just around the corner where we will be celebrating Chinese New Year (The Year of the Tiger), Bahrain Sports Week, Children's Mental Health Week and of course, Valentine's Day. We will continue to develop our fine and gross motor skills and will be introducing patterns to the children where they will use their hands and different tools to follow lines in shallow fine grain trays. They will also be using loose parts to recreate patterns which will be a lot of fun and interesting to see what they can come up with. As our Unit of Inquiry is "How the World Works", we will be moving from animals to plants and then to community helpers which opens endless opportunities for role play activities.



## Reminder!

With the temperature outside dropping, we would like to remind everyone to send their child into school wearing suitable clothing (including spare clothes). Please keep an eye out for any runny noses, coughs or fevers. If your child shows any signs of having these symptoms, please drop myself or Miss Drayzelle a message and let them rest at home for the health and safety of the children. If your child does have any of these symptoms but is feeling well and would like to come to school, please bring in a doctors' note stating that the illness is not contagious.

## Arabic

January was fantastic with the Bonsai class , children are back to school again after the holiday, and we are all happy to be back to our Arabic classes routine. We were reviewing our Arabic learning and adding more to it, this month we were learning a new shape : ( mothalath - Triangle ) new number .with all the songs that we love to sing ( ر - (ethnan 2 Next month we will be adding more further to our numbers, shapes and colours with lots of art and crafts.