

What have we been learning in Early Years?

STAR OF THE WEEK



I am star of the week for being super creative and making amazing crafts using my imagination in the craft corner using recycled materials.
Lovely learning! Ms Anjali

I am star of the week for being super resilient and reading CVC words and some red words confidently.
Well done for reading some challenging words with special friend sounds! Amazing work! Ms Anjali

SUPERHEROES!

Our new theme is Superheroes! Learners used their fine motor skills to manipulate the modelling clay making capes and masks for their heroes. Look at the concentration on their faces! iCAN PLAY to the rescue!



MATHS

The learners have been using numicon to help create buildings for their superheroes! These resources really support the learners with their understanding of number.



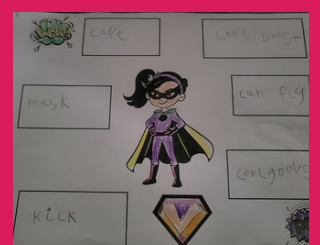
LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Our learners use their personal goals throughout the day through exploratory play. They are developing their enquiry and cooperative skills.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND BIG TALK

The learners have been generating some great wow words in Big Talk and designing some sensational outfits in Expressive Arts when designing their very own super hero. Our learners understand that wow words are used for describing and can make our speaking and writing more interesting.



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I am star of the week for being a super great storyteller and sharing a story about a duck and a dinosaur in the puppet theater. Keep glowing!

I am star of the week for being a fantastic risk taker and a thinker during phonics and sounding out CVC words. Keep glowing!

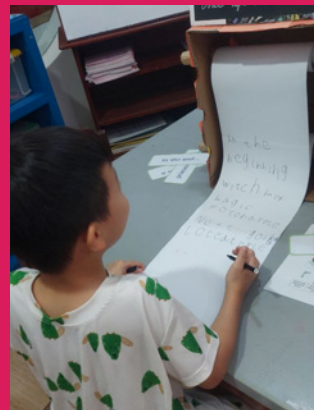
BEDTIME STORIES

The learners got cosy in their pyjamas at iCAN PLAY this week to listen to stories in different languages.



BOOK WEEK

Its been a wonderful week down at iCAN PLAY filled with puppet shows, bedtime stories, story writing, retelling stories with props and plenty of time for listening to stories in lots of different languages. There was even a special visit from Ms Lori, Ms Lily and some of our iCAN Dad's who came to read their favourite books.



BIG TALK

The learners are continuing to build and develop their vocabulary in Big Talk sessions. They have been sharing their creative ideas and trying to use descriptive wow words in their sentences.



CHARACTER PARADE

The learners had such a great time today dressing up as their favourite book characters. Some of them even wrote their own book and dressed up as the main character in the story! Thank you families for all your help and support with costumes.



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I am star of the week for being a thinker in phonics when trying to blend sounds and thinking carefully about how to write my letters.

I am star of the week for being a great communicator and working hard on learning how to read and write my sounds.

NUMBER

The learners have been practising their number formation and number recognition through various games and activities. This helps to build understanding and improve quick recall.



ENTRY POINT

Learners were put through their paces at iCAN PLAY's astronaut training centre this week to prepare them for their new unit: Space!



PHONICS AND LETTER RECOGNITION

Our learners are guided through a range of fun games to help them practise recognising and applying the single sounds. They are tuning into the initial sounds of words and matching them to the physical objects that they see.



YOGA

Yoga in the Early Years helps to support children's physical development, balance, and coordination while also helping them learn to calm their bodies and focus their minds. Through simple poses, breathing, and movement, children build strength, body awareness, and emotional regulation.



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I am star of the week for being a resilient learner. 'You have been practising your letter formation and using your phonics knowledge to spell words, especially by challenging yourself to write words with the special friend sounds. Keep glowing'!

I am star of the week for being cooperative and a great communicator while playing nicely with my friends.

PHONICS

Our learners love exploring new sounds! We begin with reviewing and practising sounds we already know, before moving on to reading and writing new ones. We practise blending to support our reading skills. Learners who are ready to write apply their knowledge by spelling words using their new sounds. They use their fingers to count each sound before writing, and then check and improve their writing using their purple pencils.



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

Our learners love role-playing potion making and cooking in the Mud Kitchen. This imaginative play is wonderful for language development and supports hand coordination and control.



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The learners enjoyed moving their bodies in lots of different ways with Mr Greg and Mr Song this week. They have been working on their control, balance, coordination and have been exploring how to navigate space when moving at speed.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS & IMAGINATIVE PLAY

Our learners love being creative and always have access to free painting, craft, and junk modelling materials. These open-ended opportunities allow our learners to use their imagination and make connections in their mind across all of their learning. Using these different materials and tools with increased independence also allows them to build fine motor control and learn important practical life skills.



MATHS: COUNTING BACKWARDS

10 Our super resilient
9 learners have been
8 practising how to
7 count back from
6 10 to 0 and 20 to
5 0 linked to their
4 recent space
3 learning. Why not
2 try counting back
1 at home with
0 them, in the car or
on the way to
iCAN PLAY.



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I am star of the week for being great at sharing the bamboo swing with my friends and playing together.

So proud of you, keep it up! Ms Anjali



I am star of the week for being really resilient when solving number problems and making repeated patterns!

Keep it up! Ms Anjali

SPACE COLLAGES

Our learners have been loving their new unit theme: *Space*. There has been some amazing language emerging from this new topic and the children have been having so much fun incorporating this new vocabulary into their role-play, their conversations and their play. From space stations to rockets, planets to satellites; ask your child what they know about space and you will be amazed what they can tell you.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Our learners love to get messy and be creative. Each week they are invited to join in with one of the guided arts and crafts sessions that allows them to explore more exciting mediums such as paint, glitter, glues and more!



FLOATING AND SINKING

Our learners enjoyed some spontaneous science this week. As the mangoes had been falling from the tree at iCAN PLAY, the learners wanted to know what would happen if one of the mangoes fell in to the fish pond- would it float or would it sink? An investigation began to test different objects and whether or not they would float or sink. Child-led learning and adapting the learning to the curiosities and interests of our learners is so important at iCAN. They were very engaged in the experiment and couldn't wait to find out what would happen.



MARK MAKING

Mark making is the very beginnings of early writing and such an important part of our learners development. Every day they enjoy a range of fun and creative ways to develop this skill and help our learners build their hand strength and position with pens, pencils, chucks and crayons.



