

What have we been learning in Early Years?

STAR OF THE WEEK



I am star of the week for being a super risk taker with my mark making and having a go at writing recognisable lower case alphabet letters.

I am star of the week for being a kind and respectful friend who plays nicely with others.

Keep shining! Ms Beth

Well done, keep it up! Ms Anjali

BLENDING SOUNDS TO READ AND SEGMENTING TO SPELL

The learners have been busy practising their sounds and applying these to write either cvc words or simple sentences that include these. They used the sound cards to read the sounds before attempting to write them independently.



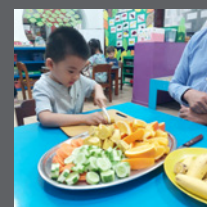
MATHS: COMPARATIVE LANGUAGE & REPEATED PATTERNS

The learners have been exploring and applying the correct comparative maths vocabulary: *taller, tallest, shorter, shortest* in their repeated pattern maths activities. They began making repeated pattern towers with the multilink cubes and then compared their structures to see whose was taller.



PRACTICAL LIFE

Our learners are always practising and refining the necessary skills that they will need for everyday life. These activities include tasks such as: preparing or cutting fruits, manipulating small objects or coins, and using sharp tools such as scissors or knives safely.



ANIMALS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

This week our Early Years team have been busy preparing the classroom for our new topic: *Animals from Around the World*. The children will be learning about different animal habitats such as: deserts, rainforests, grassland and polar/ arctic. They will learn about how animals have adapted to these conditions, discover what they eat, where they live and what challenges they face from humans or predators.



NEXT THURSDAY...

Don't forget, next Thursday (15th January) is our Early Years Outdoor adventure. If you can make it, please come along and join your child for this from 9:45am in the ICAN PLAY garden. We look forward to seeing you there to support your child with being active and taking safe risks. This will be a great opportunity for them to have fun whilst also practising many of their Physical Development gross motor skills.



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I am star of the week for being super happy and adaptable when settling into the iCAN PLAY environment.

Well done, keep it up! Ms Anjali



I am star of the week for making good choices in play and communicating my needs, and getting support from adults to manage my feelings.

Well done, keep it up! Ms Anjali

MUSIC WITH MR LEWIS

On Tuesday the learners joined in with some great rhythm and beat practise in their music session with Mr Lewis and learnt and sang some animal songs about farm animals.



ANIMALS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

The learners have been exploring different habitats this week and thinking about animals that live in cold, snowy conditions and those that live in grasslands or rainforests. They used the globe to locate different countries and thought about where the different continents are on the map.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

What a wonderful morning of fun it was for our Outdoor Adventure. Thank you to all our families for coming and joining in with the activities. We saw the learners being risk takers as well as great cooperators! We hope you enjoyed it!



EXPLORING 2D SHAPES

The learners have been making and sorting 2D shapes and thinking about how many sides the various shapes have. They have been trying to use the correct vocabulary when describing these properties to others. For example: a triangle has 3 sides, a square has 4 equal sides.



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

Keep it up! Ms. Anjali



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

Keep shining! Ms. Anjali

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

The learners got very creative this week making 3D animals out of cardboard and paint. They really loved working cooperatively to bring their ideas to life!



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

This week the learners have been such amazing risk takers in the climbing area and have been challenging themselves with some tricky hanging and climbing. As part of their physical development, the learners have daily access to the outdoor environment and lots of opportunities to strengthen their bodies and improve their coordination.



MATHS & FINE MOTOR CONTROL

The learners have continued to develop their understanding of repeated patterns and have been using the tweezers to carefully arrange the various objects in the correct way. Using tools, such as tweezers, prepares the learners for writing by strengthening their hand muscles and also improves their hand-eye coordination.



NATURE ART: PATTERNS

Our learners love being outside and often use the natural materials from the garden in their learning. This week they have been continuing with their understanding of repeated patterns to create beautiful nature art. They used the fallen leaves and seeds to create their very own pieces.



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I am star of the week for being super amazing and resilient in writing all the letter sounds and challenging myself to blend and write CVC words.

Fantastic learning, keep shining!
Ms Anjali



I am star of the week for being a super fantastic communicator and sharing my knowledge about animals around the world with my friends at story time.

Great work, keep it up! Ms Anjali

NON FICTION TEXTS

The learners have been reading about different animals and their habitats. They have discovered lots of interesting facts about the animals such as how they have adapted to live in cold or hot conditions.



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The learners have been practising lots of new skills this learning block and improving their coordination and control with the balls. They have been working cooperatively to support one another in the different activities and cheering each other on.



PE GAMES WITH MR GREG

This week the learners had their first PE and movement session with Mr Greg. They learned lots of new games and enjoyed joining in with them together. These sessions are a great way to prepare the older learners for their transition to Year 1 in August and allow them to become familiar with our specialist Learning Facilitators. The learners were so principled today and were such great risk takers when trying new things.



EXPRESSIVE MOVEMENT AND SOUND EXPLORATION

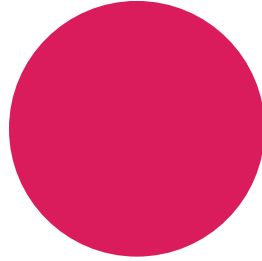
The learners have been enjoying the new bamboo instruments in the iCAN PLAY garden and have been exploring the different sounds they can make when hitting, tapping and sliding the sticks across the tubes.



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I am star of the week for being kind to my friends by sharing toys and offering help to others.



I am star of the week for being a fantastic risk taker and extending my learning in phonics, exploring the sounds and beginning to point out the objects with some initial sounds.

RAK WEEK

There has been so much kindness at iCANPLAY this week. The learners have been exploring thoughtful words, comments and actions that they can share with their friends and the adults that they see every day. It has been wonderful to see the learners finding ways to bring happiness to each other through kind notes, offering hugs, or helping another learner.



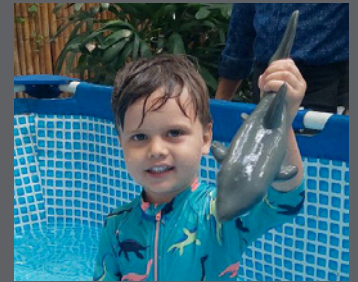
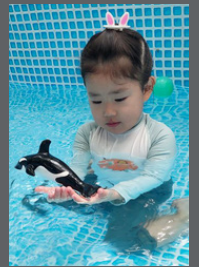
KINDNESS COOKIES

The learners had such fun making cookies for the MP1 learners. They can't wait to share them and see the happiness that these bring when Year 1 and 2 visit them on Friday.



POOL TIME

The learners were such great risk takers in the big pool this week. They had a great time exploring the water and creating lovely imaginative play with the small world animals linked to their learning about animal habitats.



NUMBER BONDS

The learners have been busy consolidating their understanding of number bonds to 10 using a range of hands-on resources and numeral pebbles. Improving this fluency allows our learners to make quick calculations in their heads and eventually apply this to more complex maths problems in the future. Number bonds to 10 are a pair of numbers that make 10: $5 + 5$, $4 + 6$, $3 + 7$, $10 + 0$, $9 + 1$

