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International School of Siem Reap



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Year 5A



Christmas Edition



**Stars of the Month for December:**

**Yujune:** for making a huge effort to participate more readily in class discussions. Thank you Yujune – keep up the great work!



**What have we been learning about this month?**

**Literacy**

We are currently planning our very own 'Just So Stories', inspired by the book of the same name by Rudyard Kipling (who also wrote the Jungle Book!) Each story tells the tale of how animals came to look the way they do – we particularly enjoyed the story of 'How the camel got his humps'. We have read (and watched) a few of these short stories (there are so many!), and will use some of the features of Kipling's writing in our very own short stories. Watch this space for some rather imaginative ideas about how the zebra got his stripes, and much more!

**Mathematics**

The Year 5 curriculum has so much NEW learning when it comes to mathematical skills! It's been great to see the children really excited to learn something new and embracing the challenge of learning new skills. This month, we have continued to focus on fractions – firstly, how to multiply and divide them, and more recently how to convert between mixed and improper fractions. We also reminded ourselves how to measure, and then draw angles using a protractor.

**Science**

We have just begun a new topic, focusing on 'fantastic forces'. We already know so much, and the children have impressed me with the knowledge they already possess about pushes and pulls. We are learning to identify different types of pushes and pulls (friction, air resistance, water resistance). Next week, we are going to experiment with gravity, by designing and then 'dropping' parachutes. Look out for those photographs on ClassDojo.

**Topics**

We have enjoyed the beginning of our Africa topic, where we have spent the last few weeks looking at African art, including African masks. We are currently learning about food security, and the importance of fair trade.



**Important Dates**

- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** - Class Party. (Please bring something to share!)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Concert.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> December – 13<sup>th</sup> January** - School Holidays.

