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International School of Siem Reap

Nursery
Ms. Rita's Classroom



February 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's good to have the children back face to face after the online class and the holidays. The children have come a long way and they are doing better in class. We are hoping that this new year will be a better year for everyone. Thank you parents for your support. Here's an update on what we have been learning in class:

Phase 1 Letters and Sounds

We are now in the Aspect 5 of Phase 1. In this aspect, we focus on developing understanding of alliteration or words that have the same beginning sound. The purpose of our activities is to help tune the children's ears to the relationships between the sound structures of words.



Topics

We have recently finished the topics "Colours and Shapes". This month, we are going to work on the topic "Letters". In this topic, we aim to name the letters in the alphabet, learn words that begin with the letter and learn the individual letter sounds. The experience that the children will gain in this topic should help them understand that there are predictable relationships between sounds and letters. Our activities include songs, arts and crafts, play and a lot more.



Other topics that we have finished are: I am Special, Animals and Nursery Rhymes.

Maths

We have been learning about numbers 1-20. Our activities are singing number songs and rhymes, crafting, hunting, matching, sorting numbers, and more. Our goal is to be able to start recognizing these numbers, understand that numbers have order, and relate or express numbers to quantities. But before all of that, we want to familiarize ourselves with counting from 1-20 first. We want to make sure that the children will be able to count different things like toys, objects in the pictures and movements like claps and jumps correctly.



MEET THE NURSERY CHILDREN

Vung
Likkheang
Vata
Davy
Komsut
Boproek
Huy Ying
Fulay
Mey Mey
King



Sports Day- Thursday, Feb 18

Inset Day- Friday, Feb 19

Term Break- Feb 22-26

RECEPTION 1A NEWSLETTER

January 2021 | Ms. Erin

We start each day with a song and have been learning the days and Months of the year.

We also enjoy our outdoor play-time that provides opportunities for water play, drawing with chalk, building in the sandbox, and laughing with friends.

Our class has a special writing table that is also set up for writing letters, creating cards to place them in the mailbox.

Magnetic ABC's, wipe boards and markers are available here too. We are getting ready for three special celebrations: Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, and Birthday's.

During our phonics lessons we have been looking at the letter shapes N, M, and D and learning the sounds they make. We have been working hard at writing our name as well as our phonics letters. Can your child show you the alligator? Mr. Alligator is hungry and helps hold the writing tool!



In Mathematics we are recognising, counting, and colouring shapes. We enjoyed making a firetruck puzzle by carefully matching up the correct numbers, using our cutting skills, and also making art. We have also been learning to write our numbers and take pride in our hard work.



Healthy snack

Here at ISSR we encourage parents to bring healthy, nutritious food for snack time. Some ideas for healthy snacks are: fruit, left-over dinner, eggs, carrots or other easy to snack vegetables.



Important Dates:

February 18 Sports Day
February 19 Inset Day
February 22-26 Term Break



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RECEPTION 1B NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2021 | MS. MICAH



We always sing and dance to music. As you can see in the photograph we sang and danced to "Can you play the drums?"



We are developing friendships and working as a great team in R1B!



WHAT WE'RE DOING

After the online learning and Christmas break, we were eager to go back to school and our Topic studies helped us learn about different Occupations! The students enjoyed pretending to role play as Firefighters and even used spray bottles to rescue the people from their home.

We have also learned more phonics letters such as "N", "M" and "D".



• save the date! •

Feb 18 : Sports Day

Feb 19 : Inset Day

Feb 22-26 : Term Break

REMINDERS

**All children should bring a healthy and nutritious food for snack time.

*Please make sure that they have appropriate footwear for their outdoor play.

**Please remember to check folders every Friday and return them to school on Monday.



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Announcements

- * PE lessons will begin again, every Monday, starting next week. Children need to wear their yellow PE t-shirts and suitable sports shoes please.
- * Early Years Sports Day - Thursday 18th February

Reminders

- * Friday 19th February-staff inset day-no school for children.
- * Term break is February 22-26.
- * Please provide healthy foods for snack and lunch time.



Hello Parents!

My name is Ms Sheila I have joined ISSR and am working with Reception 2. I am an experienced Kindergarten teacher from America. I have worked with students in various age groups. I look forward to finishing off this school year with the students in Reception 2.



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Marvellous Maths!

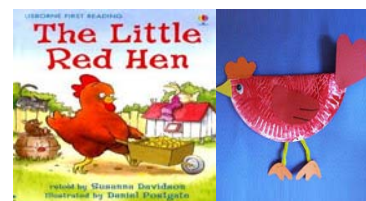
In Maths we have been adding two numbers up to 20. We have used number lines to help us solve our number sentence.

The students learned to recognise, create, and extend repeating patterns using shapes, numbers and objects. We are currently working on ordinal numbers having students understand sequence and places in a race.

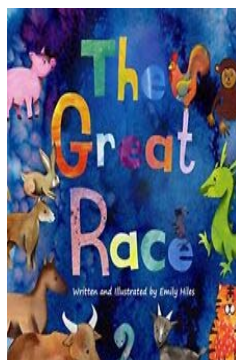
Topics of the month!

In our phonics lessons we have been exploring more Phase 3 sounds, especially consonant digraphs such as th, sh, ch and ng.

We have explored traditional Tales. Last week we read The Little Red Hen. We carried out lots of activities about the lazy farm animals! Ask your child they would gladly like to retell you the story performing the skit they learned in class.



We are now learning about Chinese New Year. The students are learning about the traditions and customs of this ancient festival. This week we read The Great Race story, and learned the origins of the Chinese Zodiac. Throughout the month we will make dragon masks, and make traditional Chinese Good Luck messages.





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Important Dates:

- Thursday 18th February - Early Years Sports Day
- Friday 19th February-staff inset day-no school for children.
- Monday 22nd-Friday 26th February mid-term break.

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Maths and Topic work

In maths this month we have been revising our knowledge of repeating patterns, addition to 20 and ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd etc.).

As part of our study on Africa, we learnt about the 7 continents of the world and labelled these on a map, before looking at where Sunny the Meerkat lived.



Literacy this Month...

We have continued our Traditional Tales topic this month, and the children have



enjoyed learning all about The Little Red Hen. We sequenced the story, created characters from the story, and recited the story as a class with actions.

This week we are learning all about Chinese New Year. Our two stories are Dragons in the City, and the Legend of Nian. We will be exploring the traditions of CNY, practising our writing skills and concentrating on the features of a story.

In phonics we will be focusing on the digraphs 'th', 'oa', 'ai' and 'ng'.



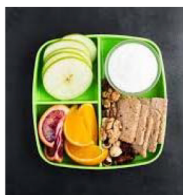
P.E. lessons in Reception 2

Mondays are our P.E. days and it is important that the children come to school wearing their yellow P.E. shirts and sensible sports shoes. Please also remember to bring your water bottle every day.



Keep your snack on track!

It is really important that children are sent to school with a small, healthy, nutritious snack for break time, to meet the nutrient demands of their growing bodies and brains. Sugary, fizzy drinks, chips and candies **are not allowed at school**. Thank you for your cooperation.



Examples of good healthy snacks are: fruit, yoghurt, left-over dinner, sandwiches, rice or a cereal bar.



Year 1

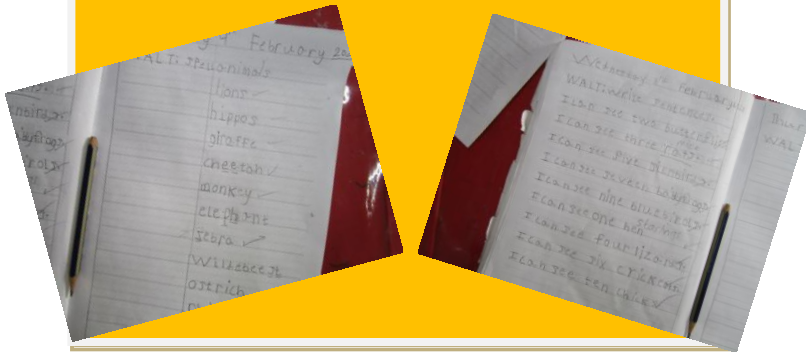


February 2021

What we are learning:

Literacy

The students continue to develop a love of books and reading through daily phonics practise and our trips to the library. We have read African counting stories with repeating patterns and they discovered all kinds of animals with an exciting children's safari through the grasslands of Tanzania. This made counting and reading fun. Lessons were cross curricular linked with Art where children painted wild/safari animals.



What we are learning:

Maths

We have been learning to estimate measurement: lighter/heavier than. Children also used balancing scales to measure different weights of objects within the classroom. A strong emphasis was placed on developing practical measuring skills and making estimates. They moved on to learn about odd and even numbers by counting objects.

Science

We have been learning to recognise the difference between the name of an object and the material from which it is made. Identify a range of everyday materials. Describe the physical properties of everyday materials. Understand how to group everyday materials according to their physical properties.

Reminders:

Mon & Wed – Bring your P.E. (Yellow) kit.

Monday – all students

Wednesday – full-time students only.

Feb 12th – Sport's Day

Feb 15th – Assessment week

Feb 19th – No school / staff INSET

Feb 22nd - 26th – Mid-term break

Spelling Words

church
short
buzz
pure
boat
seed

Stars of the Month:



Ariya – great online work & in-class effort.



Pantee – excellent work contributions online & in-class.



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YEAR 2B



What have we been learning?



Special points of interest:

- Please make sure your child arrives at school on time.
- Please remember healthy snacks.



- Assessment week will be Monday 15th February.
- No classes on Friday 19th February.
- Mid Term break from 19 February back to school on Monday 1st March.



Core Subjects

Literacy: We learnt how to write instructions and had some fun writing some instructions to make a pizza and we made our own. Now we are learning about poems, similes and adverbs. We are having fun writing poems.

Maths: We learnt how to measure weight using grams and kilograms, and we are now learning about multiplication and division, using groups and arrays.

Science: We have continued our investigations on materials, by finding out which materials are waterproof. We have been discovering what things we use on a daily basis are made of. Also, whether those things are natural or man-made.

Topics: We have studied about being and keeping healthy, our bones, our lungs and about nutrition. Now, we are learning about explorers and have been doing lots of fun activities in and out of the class room.

Year 3A NewsLetter



January 2021

What's Happening?

Literacy

Students have continued to develop a love for reading books. Children had fun writing stories following significant authors' writing styles; including Roald Dahl. They are working towards finding alliteration, onomatopoeia, rhyming words, refrain and pattern in poems.

Maths

Students enjoyed learning about Number and Place Value. They collected, interpreted and presented data. They are very good at identifying fractions and ordering them using a number line. They are continuing to learn their times tables.



Classroom Notes



Year 3A enjoys investigative work about animals.

Science

In Science students have been learning about Animals including Humans. Children classified animals into mammals, amphibians, fish, birds and reptiles.

Reminders

- ⌚ PE on Tuesday for full time students and Friday for everyone. No swimming this term.
- 📅 Homework given on Fridays and due back on Wednesdays.
- 📖 Library books to be brought back on Tuesdays.



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What's been happening in 3B?

Year 3B

With Miss Carrie
February 2021



In Maths, we've been focusing on multiplying & dividing by 3, 4 and 8.



PE lessons are appropriately distanced.



The children are very excited to have music lessons again!



In Literacy, we have continued to practice identifying complete sentences and using conjunctions to combine them.

We are now working on the past tense through poetry.

We have finished our unit on Humans—Skeletons and Muscles in Science and have started a new unit. Our new unit is on Forces and magnets.



Homework!

Homework is given every Wednesday. It should be turned in, completed, on the following Monday.

Spelling words are given on Monday. They are tested on Friday. Children should practice these words at home. Children who are not getting nearly all of them correct will be required to write them 3x each every day until they improve.

Important Dates

Feb 12th — Sports Day—
Sorry, but parents are unable to attend this year.

Feb 15th-18th — Test Week

Feb 19th- Inset Day

Children have no school

Feb 22nd -26th- Term Break

News from 4A

5 February 2021



Happy New Year!

It is incredible to think that we are already one month into 2021. It has been wonderful to start the new year on campus and in class with our students. Year 4A has been working very hard to get back into school routines. Having to learn online has presented many challenges and we are thankful to be working and learning together again.

We are learning about ...

Mathematics

We are currently learning about fractions in Maths. We have been practicing the following skills:

- Naming fractions, writing them on number lines and finding equivalent fractions.
- Adding and subtracting proper fractions and mixed numbers with same denominators and simplifying answers.
- Solving word problems involving fractions.

Literacy

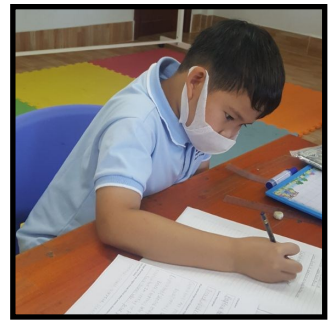
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Science

In Science, we are learning about States of Matter. We studied the properties of each state and investigated the processes involved when changing from one state to the next. Next we will set up our own fair tests to investigate evaporation.

Topics

In Topics, we have been studying Tropical Rainforests. During the last 3 weeks, we completed our rainforest collage, created a 3 dimensional map of South America and researched and gave a presentation on one of the rainforests of the world.



Notices

- **Sports day** will be held on **Friday the 12th of February 2021**. This is an important day in our school calendar to build school spirit and promote fitness. Children should come to school dressed in their house colours.
- **Assessment Week:** We have assessment week from the 15th to the 18th of February. Please ensure that your child gets enough sleep during this time so that they can achieve their best.
- **Midterm Break** for students will be from the 19th of February. We start back at school on Monday 1st of March 2021.

News from 4B



5 February 2021

It is incredible to think that we are already on the second month of 2021. It has been wonderful to start the new year on campus and in class with our students. Year 4B has been working very hard to get back into school routines. Having to learn online has presented many challenges and we are thankful to be working and learning

We are learning about ...

Mathematics

We are currently learning about fractions in Maths. We have been practicing the following skills:

- Naming fractions, writing them on number lines and finding equivalent fractions.
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Year 4B doing a role play of the fairy tale -The Princess and the Pea.



Year 4B acting out each state of matter as a particle.

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Year 5 Newsletter



TOPICS

We are nearing the end of our current topic on Ancient Greece. Wow! The children have had the opportunity to learn about warfare, daily life, buildings, gods and goddesses, theatre, politics and more. They have come to understand the impact that Ancient Greece, and the beliefs the Greeks held, had on modern civilizations.



Stars of the Month!!



Siang

Sharcia

Panhaseth

FEBRUARY NOTICES

- Sports Day will be on Friday the 12th although parents will not be able to attend.
- Assessment week will be from Monday the 15th to Thursday the 18th.
- There will be no school on Friday the 19th.

MATHS

We have recently started our new unit on decimals after completing our unit on fractions. First, we started with the basics, such as understanding the value of each column and how to represent it with base ten blocks, number discs or fractions. We have since moved on to comparing and ordering decimal numbers and we are currently working on finding the sum of or difference between decimal numbers.

LITERACY

Our last unit had us using our reporting and journalistic writing skills by writing police reports and newspaper articles about strange sightings from the book Tuesday by David Wiesner. We now get to make the most of our creativity, whilst telling a story, through narrative poetry! We have enjoyed reading lots of poems and watching some of them being performed by the author so that we can identify all the features and poetical devices.

SCIENCE

I'm sorry for the paint on some of your children's sleeves! But... they did have a lot of fun making a model solar system! We haven't finished putting it together so the photos will be shared next time. The children have amazed themselves with their understanding of how scientific discoveries change over time as more evidence becomes available. This was clearly demonstrated when we learnt about the Geocentric and Heliocentric models for the solar system.

Welcome to our latest newsletter

We've certainly had an interesting start to 2021 in the 6A classroom. Learning is in full swing, and we are fast preparing for the sports carnival and other projects, including alternative energy sources and our Maya Three Sisters Garden!

Year 6A

With Mr Alan
February 2021

Literacy

We've finished our unit on writing on "Places in Time" and the study of the 1001 "Arabian Nights" and now, have moved onto analysing writing using expanded noun phrases. Later, students will be given the opportunity to choose their favourite song lyrics and decode it.

Maths

This week, we are doing fractions and percentages with several students showing excellent understanding of the various equations needed to work mathematically. Previously, we have worked on weights, measures and place values. On one occasion students worked in groups of two to do a series of mathematical equations in a more social setting.



On the left: Our class will begin their training in touch rugby, which is a running game that develops hand eye co-ordination and fitness. On the right: A part of our Maya studies is Three Sisters Gardening! We will be monitoring the growth of corn, beans and watermelons. Both corn and beans originated in Central America and we have planted seeds around the back garden of the school. We will continue our awesome three sisters Maya garden for 6 weeks and be weighing the results.

Science

We are super excited to be studying electricity and build circuits with batteries, resistors, 6V lights, small machines and other electrical devices. The students have the opportunity to work in teams and create various circuits then check the currents with an ammeter.

Topics

In Topics our next unit is the ancient Maya civilisation. It will be very interesting to explore this topics, which includes their religion and ceremonies. We are excited about our new topic which will also focus on the Maya gardening system called the Three Sisters Gardening. (See photo above).

In the library with ICT:

Our students are working in groups to study a business, profession or an organisation. They are researching all the requirements to work in these areas. They also borrow books every week to improve their reading and knowledge. Reading is the best way to improve your English. **On the right: Student practicing social distancing queues in the library.**



Reminders

- Friday the 12th Feb will be our school sports day.
- Midterm Break for students will be from the 19th of February. We start back at school on Monday 1st of March 2021.