

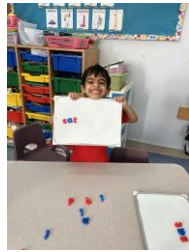


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Building words with already learnt sounds was so much fun! We are so intelligent!



We learnt the importance of our sense of sight. We were blindfolded and had to trust a friend for guidance.

Activities Covered:

Last week, we explored the topic, "The 5 Senses". We learnt about each of the five senses and how we use them daily.

In **Communication and Language**, we used our listening ears to play a clapping game and identified different sounds. That was challenging!

In **Literacy**, we learnt the phonics sounds, **p** & **n**. We learnt it's songs, actions and practice forming the sounds in various mediums and in our workbooks. We also made various crafts to help us remember the sounds.

In **Mathematics**, we focused on the recognition of 2D shapes as well as the formation of the 2D shapes. We played games to help us remember our shapes. It was great fun!

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we read the story "My Five Senses" to reinforce the five senses. We created a five senses craft using different textures.

In **Understanding of the World**, we explored our sense of taste and smell while blindfolded. Hmm... That was interesting!

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we explored our sense of sight. We roleplayed what it would be like if we were a blind person, and we also played a game of I-spy.

In **Physical Development**, we had fun exploring the sense of touch by feeling different textures, followed by an exciting handcraft of different textures.

Last Thursday, was another fun opportunity for us to explore our senses in various ways. We rotated classrooms where each was set up with activities to complete for a different sense.

We enjoyed tasting different fruits, guessed familiar and unfamiliar sounds and fragrances, played the I spy game and walked in different mediums barefoot. It was quite an experience!

Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will begin a 2-week learning on the topic, **Parts of the Body**. We will focus on our outer body parts.

In **Communication and Language**, we will listen to a story 'Eyes, Nose, Fingers, and Toes'. The best part will be when we will trace a boy and a girl on a large paper, paint them and label each body part. This sounds like fun!

In **Physical Development**, we will challenge on our bodies by playing the twister game! Wish us luck!

In **Literacy**, we will learn the phonics sounds **ck** and **e**. In our workbooks, we will continue to learn how to write the sounds using the correct letter formation and identify words that have each of these sounds. The 'High-Frequency Words' for this week, are 'a' and 'an'.

In **Mathematics**, we will continue with practicing recognising our 2D shapes. We will pay particular attention to shapes with 5 and more sides. We will use different shapes to build a body.

In **Expressive Art and Design**, we will build body parts puzzles and we will complete a body puzzle craft.

We can't wait to explore this new topic!



We learnt the basic 5 senses and what they are. We created a fun puppet that represent all of them.



It is amazing to know how many different types of smells we have on earth! Wow!

Tips for home:

- **Ensure** your child gets to bed at a reasonable hour so he/she is ready to learn when they get to school.
- **Display your child's work** from school to help build a sense of pride in their accomplishments.

My values draw my identity:

- I thank God Almighty for His blessings.
- I am learning, knowledge is light.



We felt bumpy, hard, slimy, and soft things!
What a great day we had on Thursday

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 5th October - Pyjama Day & Build-A-bear workshop.

Children are to come to school dressed in their pyjamas. We will practice a healthy bedtime routine. The day will end with building a bear.

This is going to be a very exciting experience so don't forget to return the slip together with the payment.



Sweet, sour, bitter and salty that is what we tasted! We mostly liked the sweet things!

To see more photos of our adventures in learning be sure to visit our [website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#)

Final Note:

A nutritious breakfast sets the tone for a day of improved concentration, increased energy, and active participation in activities.

Kindly ensure that the snack boxes are packed with healthy food options for your child to choose from.