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Newsletter
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Butterflies & Caterpillars Classes



What we've been learning:

In the past few weeks, we focused on some of our body parts (nose, eyes, ears, mouth, hands, feet) and how to use those organs; using nose to smell, the mouth for taste, the eye for sight, and the ear for hearing and hands for touch. We indulged in messy and sensory play to ensure all our children have gained experience and description of texture and materials.

We are learning about heart shape and its significance on Valentine's day. We made a heart shaped cake to express our love and made a greeting card for those we care about. We enjoyed making pancakes and cheering our parents on the pancake race.

We explored Egypt, learned about the country flag, the pyramids, camels, and colors of the flag, sang some Egyptian songs, tried some Egyptian clothes, and ate the most famous foods in Egypt.



Upcoming Theme & Learning:

The coming 6 weeks, we will begin the journey of exploring other living things in this world. We will start with baby animals in spring, and all the creatures that help our garden grow and move forward to farm animals. We are expecting to learn about the different sounds of these animals, what they eat and their different colors and skin texture. We are preparing the children to become more independent everyday, to use a spoon and cup efficiently, communicate hunger and dirty diapers as well as begin to name some of the things or people in the environment when they need them; as bag, bottle, milk, juice, spoon, toy, ball and music. Mother's day is a highlight during this month. We are looking forward for busy months ahead..

Songs:

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Bumble Bees Class



What we've been learning:

Bees are now able to name different family members during role play time with the small house and people. Children enjoyed decorating a family picture frame after they showed it to their friends in circle time. We took a dive as we were learning about Egypt while celebrating Egypt week, learned the colors of the flag through painting a big flag, some animals that live in Egypt like camels and dolphins, and famous buildings in Egypt like the pyramids and the sphinx.



Upcoming Theme & Learning:

The upcoming theme will last for 4 consecutive weeks to learn about Spring, exploring insects and their different kinds such as bees, butterflies, caterpillars, spiders, lady birds, and dragonflies.

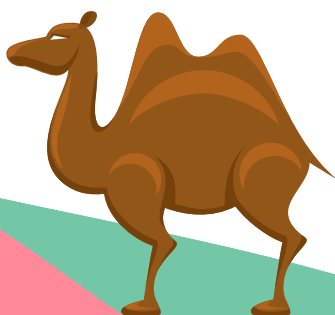
Learning about how these insects relates to the spring season and how the weather changes and why can we see more insects during spring. We are going to learn the Bees' life cycle, to understand about changes and growth. This theme will open the door to learning about affection and how to care for others. This theme will include sensory opportunities and aims to build the children capacity to express their preferences in play and what they would like to try.

Song

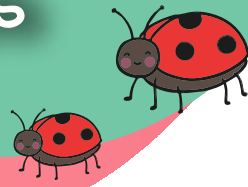
Playlist 1

Playlist 2

Mother's day



Lucky Ladybirds Class



What we've been learning:

In the first half of February, we continued our adventure in the Jungle, scrolling through all the animals, trees and birds. Integrating our life in the jungle through various books, for example *The Lion Inside*, *Giraffe can't dance*, *Brown Bear Brown Bear*, *What Do You See?*, *Doodle Bites*, and *Where is Tumpy?*.

Then the two remaining weeks of the month, We started our Egypt's theme by learning the Egyptian Anthem, and the Egyptian Flag colors.

We learned about The Pyramids, Sphinx, Cairo Tower, The Citadel and The Nile River.

We've been adding color sorting, counting and our letter song to our daily one to one activities.



Upcoming Theme & Learning:

For the first week of March, We'll explore all about The Desert, its animals, its weather, and all of the colors we see there. For the rest of the month, We'll start our new theme "minibeasts" .

We'll learn all about the different insects, their abilities, and their habitats, we aim the children can begin to talk about some of the things they observed such as, insects, plants, animals, natural and found objects.

Through looking at the different creatures around them, children are expected to shows affection and concern for people and living things who are special to them.

We will emphasis in this period on learning to enjoys responsibility of carrying out small tasks within the class, e.g. clean the table, hand-out the bottles to friends, support the teacher to prepare the class, and line leader. In terms of mathematical and language development, children are will be developing understanding of simple concepts (e.g. opposites: Big/Small) & understands more complex sentences, e.g. 'Put your toys away and then we'll read a book.

Songs

Walking In The Jungle

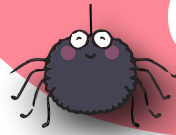
Insects Song for Kids

The very hungry Caterpillar

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Spiders Class



What we've been learning:

For the first two weeks of February, we wrapped up our "Over in the Meadow" theme. We've enjoyed practicing all our animal sounds and making fun crafts for each animal in the song. Your children got so good at counting the animal babies too.

The last two weeks of the month have been all about discovering fascinating Egypt! We learned about the colors of the Egyptian flag and colored some famous landmarks like the pyramids and the Sphinx. We also did a special project comparing life in the city to life in the countryside. We talked about how buildings are different, what types of clothes people wear, interesting things you might see in each place, and all the ways that city and country life are special.

In phonics, the Spiders focused on the sounds of the letters h, r, m, and d. They practiced writing these letters in an enjoyable way using salt and green rice writing trays. They also enjoyed coloring lots of pictures of things that begin with these letters and singing catchy songs for each sound.

In Math: the Spiders sharpened their counting skills by practicing counting all the way to 9! They had a blast decorating, coloring, and writing the numbers 6, 7, 8, and 9 on laminated sheets.

In music sessions: The Spiders enjoyed exploring music from Egypt this month! They practiced singing amazing Egyptian songs and even learned the Egyptian anthem. We also played a clapping game where they broke down words like "apple," "pear," and "watermelon" and clapped according to the syllables. They had a blast learning this new way to hear and understand words!

Upcoming Theme & Learning:

Get ready to sprout some smiles with our upcoming theme starting March 10th: Garden and Mini Beasts! Your little ones will embark on a delightful journey filled with learning and fun:

Planting Power: We'll transform into little gardeners, planting radish seeds. As we watch them sprout, we'll learn all about the amazing body parts of flowers and what a plant needs to thrive.

Mini Beast Mania: The world of tiny creatures awaits! We'll get creative with fun mini beast crafts, exploring their fascinating shapes and sizes.

This exciting theme promises to be a hands-on adventure.

Your child will:

Gain knowledge about the wonders of nature.

Discover the secrets of plant growth.

Practice their fine motor skills while crafting adorable mini beasts.

Unleash their creativity and imagination.

In phonics: We will be working on recognizing familiar words and signs such as their own names and a few CVC words and sight words.

In math: We will be working on matching numerals and quantities correctly, representing numbers using fingers, marks on paper or

Songs

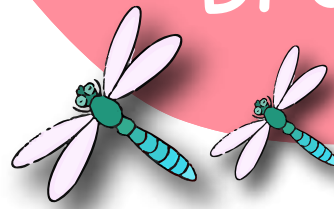
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Dragonflies Class



What we've been learning:

This past month, the Dragonflies have learnt about Ancient Egypt. We wrote out our names in hieroglyphics, built our own pyramids and crowned ourselves as kings and queens of Egypt. We talked about pharaohs, mummies and camels.

The kids have been making great strides in music class with Mr. Taha. We have been learning to break down words and clap on each syllable; for example, the word "watermelon" would have four claps.

We also started working on new jolly phonics sounds, including letters g, o and u. We are continuing with word families, at and it.

In the first week of March, we will talk about a different side of Egypt, the countryside. We will discuss how people get around, their jobs and how they dress. We will go through the beautiful greenery and agriculture of Egypt.



Upcoming Theme & Learning:

Around the second week of next month, we will start our new theme about Garden life and Minibeasts. We will talk about the life cycle of a butterfly, a ladybug and a flower. We also learn about the different insects hiding in our gardens, all while making fun crafts of minibeasts to familiarize ourselves with them better. We will also learn about Easter and make lovely easter hats and baskets for their egg hunt.

Hitting two birds with one stone, for both literacy and physical development, the dragonflies are working on writing their names with pencils. We are still going strong with jolly phonics; we are working consistently on cvc words, word families and sight words.

For our Maths area, the dragonflies are in for a treat this coming weeks, we are going to talk more about patterns and start involving it into play and activities. We are also going back to learning more about shapes, with a focus on 3D shapes like sphere, cube and cylinder.

Songs

The Bees goes Buzzing
Here is the Beehive
Hey, Ladybug
Spring is Here

Butterfly Ladybug Bumblebee
Five Little Caterpillars
Bug 'n Roll
Bunnies Sleeping

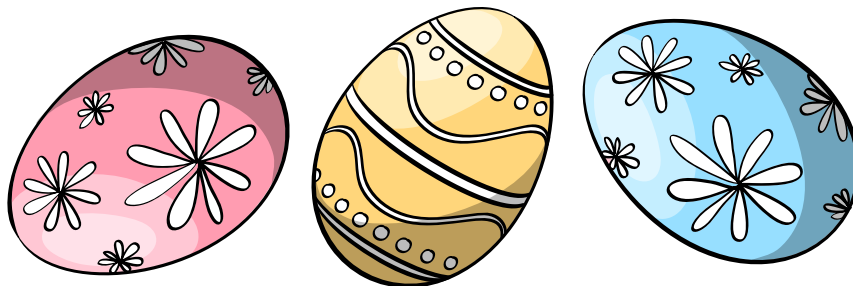
March EVENTS

Upcoming Events



Easter Bonnet Parade 28/3

- We aim to learn about spring colors, changes of weather and blossoming of flowers and trees as well as the off springs of animals.
- It is a celebration of using nature as an inspiration for creativity as creating easter bonnets from any spring inspirations, flowers, tree leaves, bunnies, eggs or chickens.
- The children are to parade showing their creative abilities to create their bonnets and baskets with their parents and select from their preferred designs.
- You will be asked to contribute with candies to be given to the children after the egg hunt game. (please leave out hard candies, and choose items that are individually wrapped)





Musical Development

Taha El Mansy specializes in both Arab and western classical music, He graduated from the Arab music high school with an emphasis in oud playing.

Mr.Taha is working on the following goals:

- Enhancing integration with music
- Express emotions
- Improve memory functions and mental abilities
- Learning musical elements to improve a child's readiness for general education.
- Improve balance, coordination, and rhythm through dance and movement activities
- Improve small motor skills by learning finger plays and playing musical instruments
- Improve listening skills by paying attention to changes in rhythm or pitch.

Physical Development

Coach Ahmed is currently working on the following goals.:

- Warming up the body & Stretching
- Enhancing the physical movement through running and jumping excersises/
- Pulling and pushing weight (A box of Blocks)
- Rolling forward & Backward.s

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