



FALL
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Newsletter
November 2023

Butterflies Class



What we've been learning:

We have been indulged in sensory play like scooping rice and moving balls out of the water with a food scoop, Mixing colors, walking on the grass, coloring with ice cubes, allowing all our senses to participate in our exploration activity and experiencing different textures and sounds.

We practiced running, pushing the box during PE Time and how to crawl under the obstacles. We explored sound and movement with Mr. Taha in music classes, trying different instruments, hearing their sounds and playing the piano and dancing with songs.

We are now continuing with "Maisy and her friends" book collection of Lucy Cousins.

She is teaching us many healthy practices; How to brush our teeth and play with our friends, as she plays with Charlie, Tallulah, Eddie and how to celebrate birthdays.

Maisy is a great role model and always an exciting story. Following, we begin to explore winter festivities, the evergreen tree.

We will continue with sensory play activities such as using glue to assemble a tree, play with colorful rice to decorate a star, make snowflakes and raindrops and explore how to dress up for cold weather and name the coat, jacket, gloves, hats and scarfs.

Songs:

We Wish you a Merry Christmas

Jingle Bells

Silent Night

Ding dong Merrily on high

I'm a little star

[Link here](#)

Upcoming Theme & Learning:

After that we will talk about winter, Christmas, and Santa. We will do many activities and we will see the Christmas tree and decorate it.



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Bumble Bees Class



What we've been learning:

In The past few weeks, We explored the book collection of Polly Dunbar "Tilly and Friends". Tilly and her friends taught us about the right manners to use around our friends, how to wait patiently for a turn and use talking to communicate needs and ask for help. Trumpty taught us about our noise level and how to use soft voice in the classroom.

Upcoming Theme & Learning:

Bees are going to learn different things during the winter festivities theme. Starting from the changing weather, learning what we need to wear in winter (clothes), experience new activities and sensory play to explore what they can see and feel in winter, learning colors related to theme like red, green, and yellow, and some animals which live in the coldest areas on the earth.

Bees are going to learn new songs related to the theme such as (put on your shoes- rain rain go away- I'm a little snowman- snowflake). Discovering new books like gingerbread man and we are going on a bear hunt. Also they will experience different art and craft activities and experiment with fake snow.

We also are going to focus on following the routine and class rules.

Song

Winter & Christmas playlist

Story

We're going on a bear hunt



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Lucky Ladybirds Class



What we've been learning:

The Lucky Ladybirds have been enjoying skimming through different stories, especially *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See?*, and *The Little Cloud*. We learned all about the butterfly life cycle, different kinds of food that the caterpillar ate. We learned about some animals, the sounds they make as well as some shapes. Different colors were introduced this month such as Red, Green, Brown, and Purple.

The Ladybirds went on a couple of nature walks to collect some leaves and flowers, we used them to build our window butterfly as well as some caterpillar assembly activities. We also went on a field trip to pick Oranges from our fields.

We learned to differentiate some sounds and how to move accordingly to a certain pattern with Mr. Taha, our music teacher.

During our courtyard time, Coach Ahmed, our physical education teacher, has been teaching us how to jump, crawl, and skip.



Upcoming Theme & Learning:

For our upcoming theme, we will celebrate the winter festivities and Christmas through many activities, stories and songs such as *Jingle Bells*, *Christmas tree*, and our *Tree Trimming* song. We will focus on the changes in the weather, learning the different seasons of the year.





Spinning Spiders Class



What we've been learning:

The Spiders tackled the Jungle Animals topic during their "Book/Author" Theme as they were reading Rumble in the Jungle for Giles Andreae. They discussed their sounds, actions, skin pattern and their daily habits. Through this topic, they practiced matching the animals to their shadow and skin and categorizing them based on color and size. They also used the animals to practice tracing, counting, for moving during transitions, for answering some basic "WH" questions and prepositions "above, under, beside and between".

Alongside this them, the Spiders were introduced to the first set of Jolly phonics and so far they worked on the "s,a,t,p" sounds by imitating their actions while saying the sounds, singing their song, looking for words with one of these as beginning sounds and identifying them in their names, flash cards, books and even on their clothes. They are working on sight-reading their names, identifying and giving value to numbers between 5 and 10 and recites beyond 10.



The Spiders are learning to use the scissors, lace, and trace straight lines and do spotting tracing on numbers and letters to be able to trace shapes, letters and numbers later on. As for their gross motors, Coach Ahmed, have been working with the Spiders on hoops jumping, forward roll, balancing on a low beam and on one leg, zigzag running and bridge walking. During the Music session, Mr. Taha taught them their first 3 musical notes Do, Re, Mi and they practiced playing them on the piano.



Upcoming Theme & Learning:

Timely with the holidays, we will start our new theme "Winter Season and Christmas Festivities" by the beginning of December. We will be discussing the new weather changes and the changes we do to cope with the coldness of the season from clothes to baking the holidays treat "Gingerbread Man cookies". They will continue the first set of Jolly Phonics "i,n" and start the second set "c,k,e,h,r,m,d" through out December and will continue to work on their counting, tracing and fine motor skills while enjoying the sensory experiences that comes with the winter season and holidays.

Songs

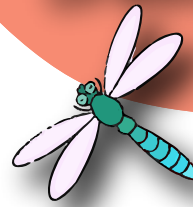
Winter and Christmas Playlist

Jolly Phonics Set 1 songs

Jolly Phonics Set 2 songs



Dreamy Dragonflies Class



What we've been learning:

Throughout November, the Dragonflies have covered "Opposites" for two weeks followed by another two weeks of exploring author Juila Donaldson's books for "Author Book Week". We focused on the Gruffalo books and have made the characters come to life by transforming our classroom into the deep dark woods, all while singing *The Gruffalo* song.

We made lots of activities using different tools; the kids painted with their hands, paint brushes, sponges, rollers, and even cardboard at some point. We also have been practicing pencil grips through coloring sheets as well as tracing sheets of lowercase letters, jolly phonics letters, lines and zig-zags.

The Dragonflies enjoyed playing games this month; we played the name hunt game where each child had to find their hidden name and retrieve it. Musical chairs was also another game the Dragonflies enjoyed playing; they especially liked the "sitting down fast" part the most.

With our new physical education coach, Mr. Ahmed, the Dragonflies have been learning to roll, jump with their hands up, do frog leaps and jump on one leg.

As for our new music teacher, Mr. Taha, he taught our little artists how to say and play the first three notes of the musical scale on the piano keyboard.

We have made great progress with Jolly Phonics; so far, we have covered letters s, a, t, i, p, n, ck, e, h, r, m and d; we have been singing [Jolly Phonics playlist](#), videos 1-12. We also have been blending to make simple words like: cat, hen, kin. We will continue with blending and will start introducing the kids to simple sight words like: l, the, he, she, etc.

Upcoming Theme & Learning:

Our upcoming theme for December is "Christmas and Winter Festivities" and it is the last theme of the first term. We will mainly focus on the change of seasons, weather changes, winter clothes, winter food, the giving spirit and the Evergreen tree. We'll be singing *Wintertime is Here*, *Let's Make a Snowman*, *Hey Winter*, *O Christmas Tree*, *Jingle Bells*.



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Upcoming Events

12-13th December: Bookfair



It's Book Fair Time!

One of our favorite Christmas traditions is when Santa visits the daycare! Santa visits the children and gives each a present which is provided by you. **We request that Santa's gift is only a BOOK.** Please bring the book wrapped & Labelled.

To make it easier for you we have planned a 2 day book fair in the daycare, to allow you buy your child his or her book. The four bookstores we have designated have a beautiful variety of children's books that we know our kids will love.



14th December: Santa's Visit

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