

Reception Year Parent Information Leaflet

Welcome to a new and exciting academic year!

Our open classroom concept encourages holistic learning, whereby small group teaching takes place and children are encouraged to work independently at different activity areas to enhance their learning journeys. Students will get to know each other and become familiar with the classroom settings, activities and routines. Much emphasis will be made on the 'The Golden Rules' and the importance of following them. They will learn to work together, taking turns and sharing fairly.



In the first half of the term, students will be introduced to the Jolly Phonics Scheme. This scheme enables students to learn the letter sounds and identify these sounds in words, by connecting them to actions, stories and songs. We reinforce knowledge and recognition of the alphabet, identifying letter names and their sequence. Students will also be introduced to Tricky Words and Sight Words. These words are learnt at school and sent home for daily practise. When writing, we encourage students to use different means to express themselves. They may use drawings, letter strings, scribbles as well as letter and word approximations based on their individual abilities.

Over the term, students will strengthen their counting skills. They will learn to recognise the relationship between numbers, their names and quantities. Students will also practise sequencing numbers in order, both forwards and backwards. They will sort and order objects according to attributes of shape, colour and size. Students will also be exposed to using computers, enabling them to use various games and activities independently.



With an introduction to the topic "Marvellous Me", students will be encouraged to share information about themselves, their family, their homes and what makes them different.

Students will be taught basic art techniques, and will be making figures by drawing, painting and using shapes. They will learn to create pictures, designs and models using their creative skills.

Second Language

In Malay, students will be covering the following topics:

- Greetings
- Myself
- My Family
- Festivals - Halloween



Targeted Vocabulary include:

selamat pagi, selamat tengahari, selamat petang, selamat malam

nama, umur, ada, bapa, ibu, saya, adik, abang, kakak, datuk, nenek , pesta, labu, gelap, gula-gula, takut, hantu, malam, topeng, bulan, Oktober

Skills the students will acquire:

- Taking part in classroom conversations and following rules for discussions; learning to listen to others and taking turns when speaking.
- Singing and dancing following the tune of rhymes
- Introducing oneself – age and nationality
- Using the proper form of address for family members

Recommended web links –

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpo_DftvJW4

<http://i-cikgu.blogspot.my/2013/05/mengenalkan-nombor-1-hingga-50.html>

At home:



Have paper, markers, or crayons around the house for your child to write letters or words or draw pictures about their day.

- Encourage communication by talking to your child about their day.
- Read stories and ask questions to ensure understanding.
- Encourage the daily practise of Tricky Words.
- Check your child's Homework Diary daily for any

messages from teachers, and acknowledge them when they are there.

Ensure your child has their PE kit and swimwear on the necessary days. Sports ECAs require the students to be in their PE attire.