



January 2021

"Why do some people reach their full potential, while others of equal talent do not?"-

Dr. Carol Dweck

Dear Parents,

This first month of the New Year has indeed flown by and students and teachers have been actively immersed in the new Units of Inquiry, researching and exploring new topics. It has been heartening to note how happy the students were to return to virtual school after the holidays and excited to get busy with school projects and activities.

News from the Classrooms:

Nursery:

In Nursery children learnt about "Transportation vehicles". In Math children were introduced to number 3 and 4. Children were encouraged to use complete sentences to enhance their communication skills and letter sound /o/ and /u/ were introduced to children. The highlight of the month was having Nursery children in small groups at school. Keeping safety measures, social distancing and sanitizing surfaces children enjoyed the open space, experiential learning and meeting their friends.



Reception:

In Reception children started the next Unit of Inquiry-Living and non-living thing. They investigated into how living things grows, breathe, move around and can make more of themselves. They enjoyed sorting living, non-living and once alive things.

In Language children learnt /g/, /m/, /l/ and /f/ letter sounds through Jolly Phonics stories and songs. They connected the letter sounds with different stories and activities. They made eatable /g/ Gruffalo, /l/ for lemonade and /m/ for masks.

In Math children were introduced to pre-math concepts – morning, afternoon, evening and night. The concept of yesterday, today and tomorrow was introduced and children used their thinking skills to make connections with their daily schedule. 11 and 12 numbers were introduced.

Our monthly event for Reception and Nursery –“Dad and Me” was enjoyed by spending some quality time with dad and children.



Prep 1:

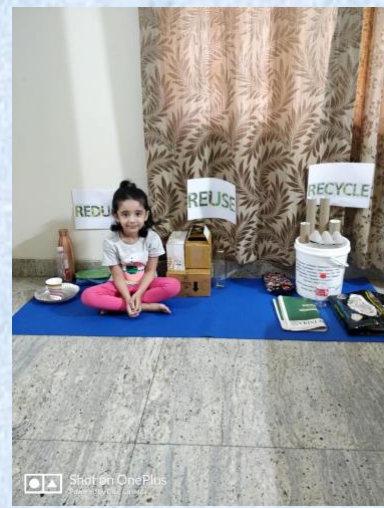
Prep1 students presented their innovative play as part of their Design Thinking Process in their End of Unit Celebration. Students empathised with the situations that bothered them and their friends' play, They defined the problem and presented their creative solutions to the problem.

In Language, students have been introduced to sight words. Students are also confidently reading sentences. In Math, students were introduced to numbers 26-30. Students have also been introduced to positional words and ordinal numbers through play based activities. Students enjoyed making their chocolate lollipops by following the recipe step in the correct order. In the new Unit of Inquiry unit, Materials, students have been inquirers and were engaged in experiments determining which objects are opaque/transparent, or sink and float or are breakable/ unbreakable.



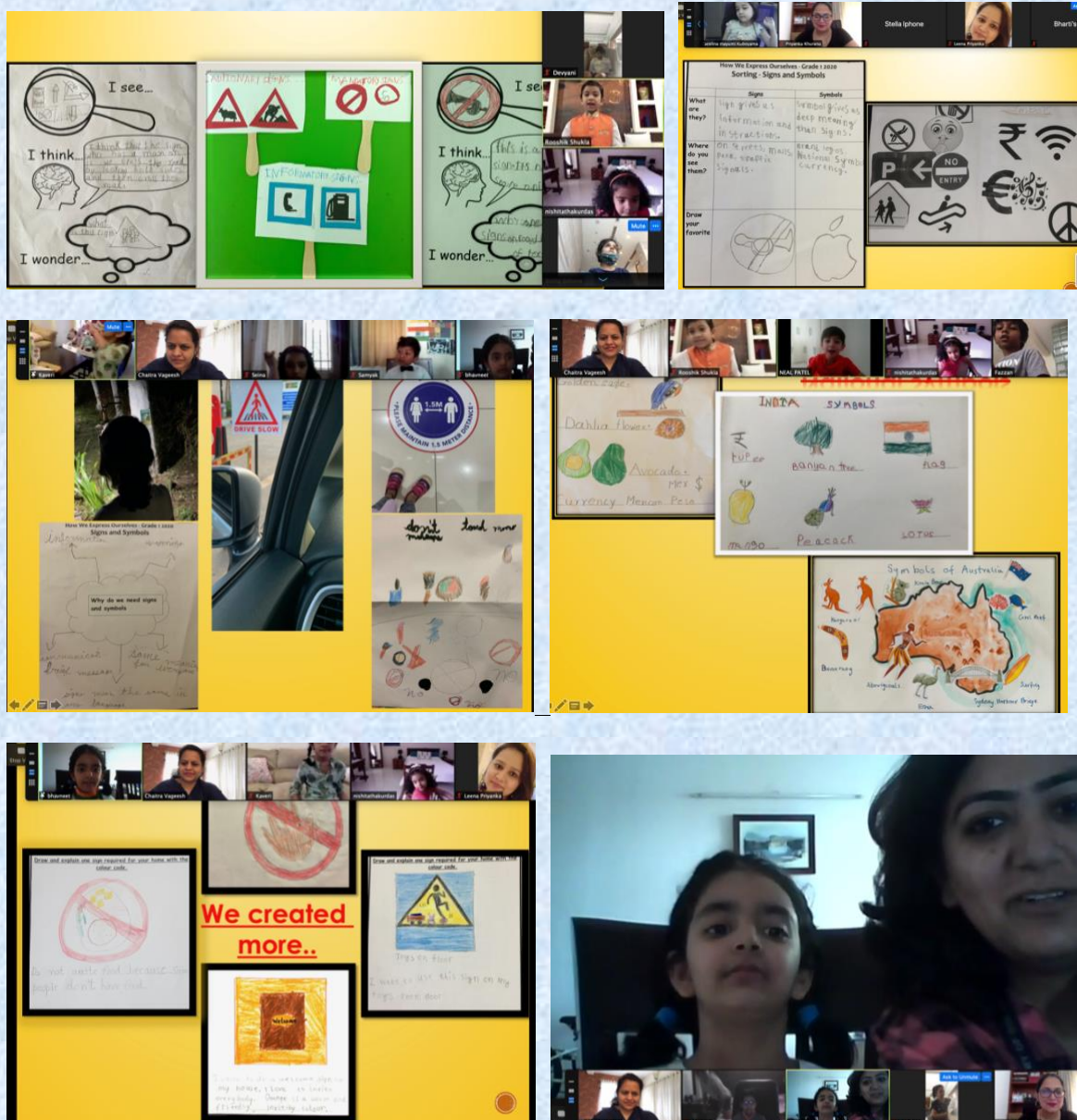
Prep 2:

Our Prep2 created their junk yard corner at home using 3r's concept. This encouraged them to use their creative thinking skills and moral imagination while playing with the junk yard materials. The philosophy of junk yard allows children to develop leadership skills like risk taking, creative, innovative and critical thinking competencies.



Grade 1:

To make sure each of our students are given ample opportunities to showcase their learning, we have been planning events every month. We consider each of these events as a good platform to build students' confidence with their presentation and communication skills. End of unit celebration showcased their takeaways from the Unit Of Inquiry- Signs and Symbols. The TD theme for this unit was - How we express ourselves and the central idea was signs and symbols facilitate local and global communication. It was evident that our students understood why it is important to follow signs for our safety. They also presented the signs they created for their Tikkun Olam, school safety signs, signs for their safety at home.



Important dates in February

February 6th – 7th – Second term reports to be sent home

February 8th- 13th – Parent Teacher Meeting

February 18th – Thursday – PAC meeting

February 26th – Friday – Mufti Day

Warm regards and best wishes:



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