



# December Monthly Newsletter

## Message from the Principal

It's amazing how time flies when you're having fun! Our first term of the Academic Year 2018-19 has now come to an end. On behalf of all the staff at Toddlers International Nursery DSO, I would like to thank each and every parent for your continued support throughout this eventful term. ☺

I would also like to extend a very special thank you to all parents who have taken time to complete our survey form. Your feedback is very important to us as it allows us to improve the service which we provide to all the families we work with even further. **If you haven't yet submitted the survey form, please do ensure that you do so as soon as possible. Thank you.**

I would also like to thank those families who have sent in items to be donated to the Red Crescent Charity. The donations will be taken to Red Crescent on the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**We hope to welcome you back on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 for our Term 2.**

Best wishes to you all & happy holiday!

Carol Oliveira  
Principal at TIN DSO

## Important Dates

Don't Forget!!

- ❖ **Winter Camp:** 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 - 03<sup>rd</sup> January 2019
- ❖ **New Year's Day Holiday:** 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 *(\*\*The Nursery will be closed on this date as it is a Public Holiday).*
- ❖ **Parent Orientation:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019 *(Please Note: Parent Orientation is ONLY for new families and those children moving from our Nursery to Foundation Programme).*
- ❖ **First Day of Term 2:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- ❖ **Last Day of Term 2:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- ❖ **Spring Camp:** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019
- ❖ **Special Activities for Term 2:** Sports Day, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Parent Workshop, Doctor's Visit, Field Trip, Parent-Teacher Meeting. *(Dates of these special activities still to be confirmed).*

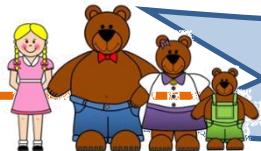
What will we learn about in January?

## Sports & Movement



Have a look at all the fun and exciting activities which we will be introducing to the children during Winter Camp. For more information, please contact our Admin Dept.  
Thank you! ☺

## WINTER CAMP 2018



Week 1: 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Theme: "Once upon a Time..." (Fairy Tales)

Once upon a time, we heard say, lovely children came to TIN to play... And they learnt all about some exciting stories and fairy tales...

During this first week of Winter Camp, the children will be taking part in many fun activities related to some of their favourite storybooks. They will also make their own crowns and magic wands to show to you, and work as a group to create an amazing castle out of cardboard too. The week will end with an exciting 'Fairy Tale Dress up Day'.



Week 2: 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> December  
Theme: Festive Fun!



It's time to celebrate & have more fun... This week there will be festive crafts, games and stories for everyone! We will also make festive cookies to share with our friends.



The children will be working on activities related to characters like The Gingerbread Man, Rudolph the Reindeer and Santa Claus. They will even make a Christmas ornament to share with their family too. To end the week in a special way, we will have an awesome "Red & Green Day"!



Week 3: 30<sup>th</sup> December - 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
Theme: Winter Wonderland!



Although in Dubai there is no snow, we can still explore Winter - LET'S HAVE A GO!...



This week the children will take part in fun craft activities & games related to polar bears, penguins and snow. They will also create their own snowman out of a special playdough... Our young explorers will also experiment with a special snow paint & sensory bins with cotton, ice and much more...  
It will be a week of winter fun galore!

The week will end with foam play and a special White Day...  
The children will be so happy they will be shouting: "Hurray!"



**PLEASE NOTE:** *There will be no camp on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 as it is a public holiday.*

# Foundation Programme

Dear Parents,

It has been a great first term! The children seem to have settled in beautifully into our Foundation Programme. Along with being engrossed in various hands on learning experiences, they are also developing and progressing day by day. Our focus this term was on the prime areas of development which is to help children develop their Personal, Social and Emotional skills, their Communication and Language skills and to help them develop their large muscle and fine motor skills (Physical Development). Acquiring Independence skills was also a focus and we would like to encourage parents to reinforce and practice these skills during the winter holidays as well.

The month of December has been an eventful and fun end to our 1st term of the Academic Year. We started off with our National Day celebration and the children were introduced to the 'winter and Christmas season' through fun activities and sensorial play. Throughout the month we continued to practice rhyming, singing a variety of Christmas themed songs, rhymes and carols, sorting, counting and one-to-one correspondence, patterns, positional concepts, and various bingo games during circle time and group activities. During story-time we focused on "The Gingerbread Man", "Snowman", "Polar Bear, Polar Bear".

The highlight of the past week was on how hard the children have practiced for their Winter Concert and how all of our children managed themselves and performed so well. Well done to our Foundation children! A special thank you to all the families for your cooperation in buying the lovely attire for the concert and for taking the time out to attend this special event, support and encourage all our children.

Additionally, we would like to also thank the families for sending in the gifts for the Santa Claus activity and for sending in all the yummy snack items for our end of term party day. We have now come to the end of the Academic term. The Nursery will re-open on **Sunday 6th of January**. We hope you all enjoy the festive season and holidays! Do make use of the lovely weather and expose your children to a lot of outdoor activities. We look forward to more fun and exciting learning experiences in the follow academic term as well!

Lastly we would like to wish all the families celebrating the festive season  
A Merry Christmas and wishing you all Happy Holidays!

Best Regards,  
Foundation Programme Teachers  
(Mrs. Shehara, Mrs. Natalie and Mrs. Vandana)





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