

# Monthly Newsletter

## Terrific Tigers



Dear Parents,

February was an exciting and busy month which seems to have passed by in a flash....The children have been engaged in various fun-filled and exciting activities this month!

Our annual Sports Day was the highlight of the month. The children were very excited to show their parents all of the skills that they have acquired throughout this term. We would like to thank all parents who were able to take time out to come and watch and cheer on our little champs! On a daily basis and during our weekly Kiddie Gym sessions the children have been practicing certain skills that were displayed on our Sports Day. Running, jumping using 2 feet, hopping, balancing, swinging, somersaulting, pegging and kick a ball into a target were some of the skills which the children were exposed to and have acquired.

The theme for the month of February was **"Rumble in the Jungle"** and through various themed-related activities, stories, songs, videos, crafts and small world role play sessions the children were encouraged to develop a better understanding of jungle/safari animals. We learned about the different names of these animals, their physical features, where they live and what they eat. Additionally, the children got a chance to listen to the different jungle and wild animals sounds and were encouraged to guess the respective names and then pick the small world animal from the object box. The children also went on a pretend safari, and were asked to imagine what they would see there, what they would need to take and what they would need to wear.

The 'Jungle/Safari Dress up Day' summed up the theme very well! The children had a lovely and exciting day talking about who they were, showing off their costumes and going on a pretend safari and hunting session. We would like to specially thank all the parents who dressed up their child for this special day.

With regards to the area of literacy, the children have been introduced to the letter sounds and formations "Rr, Mm, Dd." This has been reinforced through the Jolly Phonics story, song, action, object box and through activity sheets. Additionally, the children have been practicing the formations on whiteboards, sand trays and with paint. Currently, the children have completed the Jolly Phonics phase 2 letters and they seem to have a better understand of the letter sounds, the words associated and their formations. Kindly continue to reinforce these concepts through fun ways. **If you wish to have extra practice at home with your child, please use <http://jollylearning.co.uk>. You can also view the Jolly Phonics songs and stories on You Tube.**

I would like to thank all parents for your constant support and cooperation.

Best regards,

Mrs. Natalie  
Terrific Tigers Classroom Teacher



Below is a brief outline on how we have worked throughout the month towards developing all areas of learning:



## Personal Social and Emotional Development

- ❖ Motivate and encourage children to use 'Golden words', such as "Please, thank you, excuse me, sorry".
- ❖ Encouraging and reinforcing self awareness and self confidence through different activities like: trying new activities, encouraging children to take on responsibilities like helper of the day, line leader, tidying up and helping around the classroom, helping their friends, standing up during circle time and taking about themselves or singing a song.
- ❖ Reinforcement of the concept making friends, sharing, taking turns, helping our friends and being nice to each other.
- ❖ Gaining awareness of different gross motor skills for our sports day and reinforcement of the importance of exercise and physical activities .



## Physical Development

- ❖ **Gross motor:** Stretching, exercising and free movement and dance.
- ❖ Through different daily physical activities and weekly Kiddie Gym sessions children have been exposed to acquiring certain skills like running, jumping using two feet, hopping, running in and out of cones, pegging, kicking a ball into a target, balancing, hanging and swinging and somersaulting.
- ❖ Kidde Gym session on Sundays. Daily breathing and crossing the middle line movement exercises; Yoga sessions.
- ❖ **Fine motor:** pouring, transferring, threading, manipulating Play dough, cutting activities. 'straws and hair clips' activity, Mark making using whiteboard markers.
- ❖ Writing preparation activities; Letter writing in the booklets, tracing on lines, rainbow tracing activity sheets for formation of letters and numbers.



## Communication/Language and Literacy



- ❖ Exploring and learning all about Wild/ Safari animals.
- ❖ Introduction of the letters and the sounds : " Rr", 'Mm' 'and 'Dd' through the Jolly phonics stories, songs and actions.
- ❖ Learning the formations of the letters on whiteboard, sand tray and through an activity sheet.
- ❖ For the children who are ready, have the proper pincer grip and concentration tracing books have been introduced and for some of the newer children they have started working with a tracing lines booklet.
- ❖ Learning new vocabulary words related to the theme. Learning different names and attributes of wild animals.
- ❖ Listening to different jungle and animal related sounds and trying to guess who they are.



## Understanding of the World

- ❖ Developing an understanding of the ' Jungle' concept and what animals live in the jungle.
- ❖ Introduction and exploration of different wild animals, what do they look like, what do they eat and where would they live.
- ❖ Developing an understanding of going on a safari and what things are needed to take and what animals would we see on a safari.
- ❖ Developing understanding of different gross motor skills and how it feels like to master these skills.
- ❖ Develop an understanding of friendship and what it is to make friends, be nice and polite to them, and help them when they need.



## Expressive Art and Design

- ❖ Different crafts related to different wild animals./ valentines day craft.
- ❖ Play with small world animals.
- ❖ Role play going on a safari and walking through the jungle and expressing what they would hear.
- ❖ The letter and the sound "r" "m" and "d" crafts.
- ❖ Dance and movement
- ❖ Outdoor games/ Sports Day practice.
- ❖ Free drawing/ painting.
- ❖ Kiddie Gym sessions/ Yoga sessions.



## Mathematics

- ❖ Introduction of the numbers 6,7,8 exploring number formations, identification and quantity associated to the number.
- ❖ Revision of numbers 1-5 rote counting, number order and quantity associated to the numbers.
- ❖ Mathematical concepts on a daily basis: there are 7 days in a week, we get two days holiday on the weekend, 12 months in a year, number and object association games, number rods Montessori activity, play dough sheets with numbers.
- ❖ Introduction to the concept full, half, and empty through visual presentations and practical experiments.
- ❖ Revision of colours and shapes.

### Important Reminders

- Kindly ensure that your child maintains good health and hygiene on a daily basis: keeping nails short and cut, taking daily baths, brushing teeth twice a day, etc.
- Kindly maintain an early bedtime routine. Children should be in bed **by 8:30 pm latest** in order to ensure they have a good school day the next day.
- Kindly note the children need to wear the school uniform from **Sunday - Wednesday**. Thursday is colored clothes day. Please ensure that you dress your child in comfortable shoes, shoes that they can take off and put on easily on their own (e.g. shoes that have velcro rather than laces)

Here are a few photos of what we have been up to this month...



