

Year 1 News

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Unit of Inquiry: Sharing the Planet

Central Idea:
We share our environment with living things.

Lines of Inquiry:

- The conditions that living things need to survive
- How external influences impact on living things
- Our responsibility towards living things

Our unit will focus on living things in our environment. Our learning engagements will include a workshop with ARK EDEN FOUNDATION, caring for plants and pets, watching documentaries, reading books and listening to and questioning experts on the topic. Through these activities, we will inquire into the exciting world of plants and animals and talk about our responsibilities towards them.

Please let us know if you have child-appropriate resources such as videos, books, or photographs to share with us. If you have personal experiences that you feel might help us with our inquiry, we would also love to hear your story. We are also interested in getting to know your pets and to hear about how you care for them.

Important Dates

January 3 - start of 2nd semester

January 19th
Stickman Play Trip

January 11th -
Reports home electronically

February 17th
100th day of school

January 23rd to
29th - Chinese New Year Holidays

January 30th to 31st
- RCHK Professional Development Days

February 1st - Back to School

Useful Websites

<http://www.ibo.org/>

<http://www.arkedenonlantau.com/>

<http://www.renaissance.edu.hk/>

MATHS

Students will continue to learn about numbers and will focus on the following:

Explore bigger numbers as we celebrate our 100th school at day.

Combining and partitioning numbers.

Using the language of addition and subtraction. (plus, more than, less than, minus, take away, etc.)

LITERACY

Students will continue to engage in various literacy activities which will give them opportunities to practice reading, writing, and oral language skills.

- Reading fiction books
- Looking though websites
- Researching for information about living things
- Making posters
- Writing letters
- Viewing movies/documentaries

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In PE we will be transferring our knowledge from last unit where we learned how to throw and catch with many different kinds of balls, and we will learn some new games where we will put our throwing and catching skills to the test. Please make sure you check your child's timetable to ensure they are wearing the proper uniform on their PE day.

MUSIC

Happy New Year! During the first music unit of 2012, Year 1 students will be looking at how people use music in different ways to express their uniqueness as human beings. While inquiring into this central idea, students will experience a wide range of music from around the world in order to begin to understand how different cultures and people express themselves through music. During this inquiry, we will be doing a lot of movement, as well as singing, listening and playing different instruments.

**Dear year one
parents**



We are about to start a new unit. We will be looking at the artist Eric Carle and we will be making texture by creating GIANT fingerpaintings. Year one students will then get to practise using their fine motor skills by learning the skill of collage.

It is going to be an EXCITING unit! I would love to have PARENT helpers. The art times are the same as our last unit. Please just turn up and prepare to get a bit messy.

**Thank you - I hope
to see you in room 503
Mrs Dufty xxx**