

BRITISH SCHOOL ALGIERS

Primary Newsletter

8th October 2026

RECEPTION

This week in Maths, Elephant Class have been exploring the exciting world of sorting and grouping! The children discovered that there are many different ways we can sort objects and that we don't always have to sort things by colour. We explored different sorting rules, including colour, size, pattern and texture. Working together in small groups, the children investigated a range of everyday objects and decided how they could be sorted into groups. They talked about their sorting rules, compared their groups with their friends and began to explain why particular objects belonged together. The children particularly enjoyed discovering that the same objects can be sorted in different ways depending on the rule we choose. This hands-on learning helped to develop their mathematical language, observation skills, reasoning and ability to notice similarities and differences. We are encouraging the children to use mathematical vocabulary such as 'same', 'different', 'big', 'small', 'smooth' and 'pattern' to explain their thinking.



YEAR 1

This week in music we learned to recognise common percussion instruments; exploring and identifying their unique appearance and distinctive sounds. We were able to make sounds with a variety of instruments such as drums, tambourines, cymbals, triangles and xylophones. Through listening and speaking activities we were able to name each instrument and sound and distinguish what makes each one different from the other. We also investigated some 'playing techniques' such as striking, tapping, and scraping; developing our understanding of how we contribute to the musical world.



YEAR 2

In English, we developed our storytelling and speaking skills through a fun drama activity based on *The Storm Whale*. The children worked collaboratively in groups to sequence the story before working in pairs to act out different scenes, with one child playing Noi and the other playing the whale. The children enjoyed performing in front of the class and challenging their classmates to guess which part of the story they were acting out, while developing their confidence, expression and teamwork skills.



YEAR 3

This week in Science, Year 3 have been learning about volcanoes and how volcanic eruptions happen. After exploring the different parts of a volcano and discussing what happens when an eruption takes place, the children began preparing for their own volcano experiment. They worked creatively to build and design their own model volcanoes, thinking carefully about the shape and

structure. The children were very excited to put their models to the test and use them to help demonstrate how a volcanic eruption works.

YEAR 4

Snow Leopard Class had a great time in the library this week! It was wonderful to see the pupils enjoying their reading and discussing the content of their books with each other. The pupils were encouraged to think more deeply about their



books by answering

questions such as why they selected their book, what they liked about the front cover, what problem the character faced, which character they liked the most and why, and what they thought might happen next. It was fantastic to see the pupils sharing their ideas, making predictions and talking about their favourite characters. Well done, Snow Leopard Class, for showing such great enthusiasm for reading!



LEARNING STARS THIS WEEK:

In panda class - Saif and Eline

In Tiger class - Dina and Yasmine

In Bear class - Nafil and Khalil

In Pangolin class - Racim and Shams

In Penguin class - Miral and Eyad

In Turtle class - Islem and Waleed

In Snowleopard class - Imen and Amine

In Lynx class - Stella and Nour





TTRockstars for most accurate:

In KS1: In third place Dora , second place Fhumino and in first place Walaa.



In KS2: In third place Yara , second place Ismael and in first place Duru.



TTRockstars for most minutes played in Primary:

In third place Adam, second place Jinyu and in first place Waleed.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- **KS1 Taekwondo:** Every Wednesday, **3:45–4:30pm**
- **KS2 Taekwondo:** Every Thursday, **3:45–4:30pm**
- **Arts & Crafts – Wellbeing Club:** Every Wednesday, **3:30–4:15pm**

Please note: These clubs are only for children who are on the club list for this half term. Children who are not on the list should not attend.

PICK UP REMINDER

A reminder to please make sure you collect your children **on time** at the end of the day.

Teachers finish their duties at **4:00pm**, so they are not available to supervise children after this time. Any children remaining after 4:00pm may be left **without staff supervision**. Please ensure you arrive promptly for collection. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reception: 3:15

Year 1: 3:20

Year 2: 3:25

Year 3 : 3:30

Year 4 : 3:35

IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday 12th October KS1 phonics workshop at 2:45pm
- Tuesday 13th October KS2 reading workshop at 3pm

- Wednesday 14th October KS1 and KS2 maths workshop at 3pm
- Thursday 22nd October international day, primary will finish early at 2pm and no school for Elephant class.