

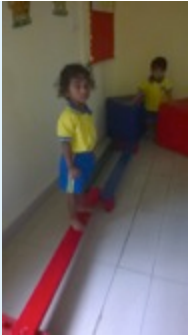


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Week At A Glance



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Dear Parents,

Happy Independence Day!

As India gears up to celebrate 68 years of independence from the British on Saturday, our little children at TLC have spent time learning about those who fought tirelessly for the freedom of the country and those who shaped its destiny in the subsequent years with their vision and wisdom. They have made our flag, learned our National Anthem and all our National symbols.

Please do celebrate this proud moment with your children over the weekend, and salute to bravery, peace and growth.

Kind Regards,
Usha Lamba
Director



News From Our Classrooms

An update from the
teachers

Explorers & Adventurers

The children have been learning all about animals over the past week, with the help of songs, stories and puppet shows. They understand that while some animals can be kept at home there are others that are wild and live in a jungle.

Artwork for the class of Explorers was interesting and involved a lot of hues.

From sponge dabbing on a horse to dabbing grey colour with the help of a cotton

ball onto a hamster, the children were happily involved during their time in class.

The Adventurers had to make a coloured ball for a hamster to play with and were also involved in the finger painting of a beautiful cockatoo.

In the Montessori area of the curriculum, the children have been practicing their skills at opening and closing assorted

bottles while some of them continue to work with the Colour Box 1.

Special Thursday : cooking was great fun as the children made animals using bananas and carrots. The entire class of Explorers and Adventurers enjoyed this activity and the joy on their face after making a particular animal was great to see.

We also celebrated Independence Day with the children and all of them enjoyed themselves as they coloured our Indian Flag. They were also introduced to the National Anthem and the National Animal of our country.

Next week the children will be introduced to Wild Animals.

Discoverers

As we continued our journey into the vast world of animals, we introduced our young Discoverers to babies of farm animals and different cries of animals. We sang songs related to animals, which included went to visit a farm one day, I wake up in the morning, little peter rabbit, etc.

As a part of our Independence Week we discussed Independence Day with the children, the national animal, bird, flower and capital. Some patriotic songs like, Saare Jahan se Acha, Nanha Munna Raahi Hoon and the National Anthem were sung with the children. We continued counting in 10s amongst the various other circle time activities.

Worksheets relating to animals cries and other interesting artwork was done everyday of the week. Children made paper cup ducks and paper plate cows.

The National flag was made as a collage of our tricolours.

Montessori: Threading large beads, transferring water with a funnel, transferring rice, transferring with tongs was practiced and the children and the children are now able to work independently.

As a part of our Special Cooking Thursday, we recreated a figurine of a cat using fruits and vegetables.

Next week we continue with our inquiry into the world of the wild animals.

Enquirers

This week we continued talking about animals and their babies and the sounds they make. Down in the jungle, old Mac Donald was the circle time favourite and we customized a few songs by introducing animal babies in the songs since mommy animals had to go shopping and left the babies to manage the laundry and the farm.

Artwork was really enjoyed by the children who enthusiastically painted green snakes, honeycombs, endearing moo moo cows and rabbits. As part of our Thursday cooking, we used bananas and carrots to make a cat, which the children enjoyed.

We've been talking about the Independence Day, which is coming up this weekend. Children are interacting with us about the national animal and bird and also dutifully standing to attention while singing the national anthem.

Revision of Montessori activities continued, as well as constructive triangles and cards and counters were introduced. This week in story time we did "Bumpy the Bear" to which the children instantly related, having done a honeycomb art work just a day earlier.

Interactive question and answer sessions were conducted through a fun game of rolling a ball to a child and asking her to identify a sound or a food that an animal eats. The children took to this game instantly.



Rangers

The second week of August saw the Rangers group carrying forward the inquiry into the topic of Animals and we moved on to inquiring about animals and their young ones and animal cries and the classroom echoed with sounds like ribbit...ribbit...oink...oink...and children had fun mimicking and pretending to be baby animals.

They enjoyed solving worksheets like matching the young ones to their mother and matching the animals to their cries and artwork comprised of making ducklings in the pond, making a rabbit and making a chart of the life cycle of a chicken. To make their learning more interesting the story of

‘Are you my Mother’ was narrated to them and they were also encouraged to enact the story.

This week the children were also introduced to the continent globe and they will be introduced to the names of different continents and oceans during the coming week.

As the country prepares to celebrate the forthcoming Independence Day on the 15th of August, our little Rangers are gearing up by learning to sing the National Anthem and are also being taught to identify our national flag, animal, bird, flower and so on.

In Montessori children were encouraged to independently work with materials, which were presented, to them over the previous weeks.

On special Thursday children were encouraged to slice bananas and cut carrots and they had fun assembling them in the shape of a cat.

Next week we will proceed on to learn about different habitats and homes of animals.



Celebrating Independence Day

To us, 15 August is synonymous with the parade. We all know this means huge crowds, and this may not be suitable for very young children. Here are a few ideas of things you can do with your young children over the weekend.

1. Do A simple Craft:

You can make your children do any of the following:

colour a map of India in the tricolour

make a paper chain with orange, white and green

use chalk in the colours of the flag and make a rangoli

make a peacock fan

2. Play Games Invented in our country

Chess

Snake & Ladders

Kabaddi

3. Make your own toy parade

Get a flag and make your child and the rest of your family march around the neighbourhood. Maybe some of your neighbours will join in!

4. Have a picnic

Make snacks that have the three colours and add them to your picnic basket. The children will be delighted to enjoy them.

5. Watch a patriotic movie with your child.

6. Organize an Independence Day Quiz

7. Dress in National Dress

8. Cook your meal at home with the tricolours

9. Children are an integral part of celebrating Independence Day through various activities organised in the City – it will be lovely if you can find something suitable for your family.

Upcoming Events

Special Thursday 20th Aug: Drama UOI
Animals.

Friday 21st Aug: Animal Dress-Up Day



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