



- Koramangala
- Cambridge House



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Week At A Glance

## From The Director

Dear parents,

Crazy Hair Day was a great success today, with plenty of imagination. Thank you parents, for the amazing job. The children were really excited, as they examined their friends and discussed hair styles.

This is a month dedicated to revision of all that we have learned over the year. Revision is really important, because it helps children understand the concepts clearly. It also helps our tiny students remember the few things that will help them build a strong foundation for later learning – their alphabets, numbers, sight words, how to tie shoe laces. Imagine what would happen if we did not know all these things!

We have a carnival coming up on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Please do come for it and bring along as many friends as you would like.

Kind regards,

Usha Lamba  
Director



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# News From Our Classrooms

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## Explorers And Adventurers

As we approach the end of the Academic year, it is now time to sit back and recollect all that has been taught throughout this exciting and fun session. And what better way to do it than with the help of foot tapping songs, beautiful stories and artwork that help the child recall a concept taught some time back.

This week the class of Explorers and Adventurers talked about different animals. From pet to wild to domestic the whole class came alive with the sounds made by these animals and it was great to see the little ones pretending to be an animal of their choice. The class also revised some fruits and joined in to sing the phonetic song with great enthusiasm!

In the area of Montessori, we have come a long way and children are now perfecting their skills as they work with rolling and unrolling their mats and recalling the basic colours around them through Colour

## Box 1.

Special Thursday was Group Art and Craft, and saw the Explorers and Adventurers come together to make a bright, colourful and informative chart on Opposites.

Funtastic Friday was all about having a *Crazy Hair Day*. With freaky hairstyles and colourful headbands, seeing the children come in different hairdos was a perfect start of a new month!

## Discoverers

In the month of March we will be revising all the UOIs that we have done. In the first week we revised the UOIs of 'Me a small Wonder', 'My Family' and 'My Home'. We also discussed about our various body parts and our five senses without which we would not be able to enjoy the beauty of the world around us.

It was heartening to see that most of the children remembered what had been taught and discussed with them throughout the year. The children excitedly shared with us about their family, names of their parents, the number of people living in their houses, the names by which they call these family members like thata , aji , etc . These concepts were further complimented through songs related to these topics. This was also a time for those who joined us a little later in the year to understand these UOIs that they had missed.

The children are progressing well in their writing work. Some of them are already making slanting lines while others are practising with sleeping lines.

The class worked with different Montessori materials related to the topics such as Drawing Insets, Solids and The Colour Box. They also revised the names of various shapes, colours and solids through name lessons.

A fun week that went by with Funtastic Friday being 'Crazy Hair Day' for all!

## Enquirers

We have come to the last month of our academic year. We have lived, loved and laboured here, and made of it a happy year! The first week of the last month of school..... The children were excited at this play of words that brought them closer to the prospect of summer vacations, a new term, and lots of new friends to make in the coming session.

We sang the songs that we had learnt over the year. The children had different favourites, and hence we sang each one of them on popular request. So Rudolph the red nosed reindeer made a comeback in summer, as did aayi Diwali and Holi. We also sang watermelon, daddy is taking us to the zoo, I am a traffic light and thumbkin you can sing. With singing sessions like this, it was a pleasure to see the class come alive!

We asked the children to paint their favourite fruits and flowers and count and write them, which they deftly did, having completed number writing upto twenty in the last few months. We did a similar exercise with different birds and animals too. The children thoroughly enjoyed these activities and kept asking for more.

In Montessori we revised EPL activities like opening and closing of doors silently and walking with weights. Knobbed cylinders, number rods and constructive triangles were also redone in sensorial activities.

A great week that went by and a perfect start to the new month of March!

## Rangers I

This year being a leap year, we spoke about how a leap year comes once in four years and that the calendar is supposed to match the length of time it takes for the Earth to orbit the Sun once. With interesting questions asked by our little Rangers, it was a pleasure to see how they tried to understand the concept

This month the Rangers are going to revisit earlier concepts and this week we are talking about the 'Human Body' therefore we started by naming the external organs and went on to discuss the use and functions of each organ. We also discussed our five senses and went on to learn about the internal organs. Fun quizzes on the human body were held in class and greatly enjoyed by all.

As Easter is fast approaching this week for Special Thursday Group Art, we all made tissue paper patch work on the picture of Easter Bunny and decorated Easter egg cut outs and stuck them into the basket of the bunny. With a splash of colour here and there and a story to go along with the chart, this activity was one that was loved by all!

In science we discussed the concept of gravity and friction and children solved a worksheet on the same. While in Geography we discussed the important physical features of our country India. In Montessori, the children are working with the Multiplication and Division Board.

Funtastic Friday was *Crazy Hair Day* and the class came looking their best with different interesting hairdo's hairstyles. It was indeed a great week that went by!

## Rangers II

As we have reached the last month of this Academic year, all we are left with is the revision of all the topics that we have covered since we started our exciting and fun filled session. In the coming week before we close for the summer holidays, we have divided our topics into sections. There will be one to one questioning and children will be given a chance to open up and share their ideas on each concept in front of their friends. Songs related to the UOI topics were also sung in class with a lot of joy and enthusiasm.

Topics such as Parts of my Body, How to keep clean, Good Manners and Good Habits, My Family, My Home and My School were discussed along with those like Pollution, Fruits and Vegetables.

Where Language is concerned, we practised three letter words and children started the blending of letters. And in the area of Maths, the children moved forward with different methods of addition, writing in words in ten's and the oral counting of numbers from 1 to 200.

In our Montessori Curriculum however, we revised the Senguin Board, read new words from the blue series, and introduced the children to the Decimal system.

Funtastic Friday was *Crazy Hair Day* and it was lovely to see our class of Rangers II dressing their hair up in different hairdos. A fun day to be remembered!



## Scholars

We begin a new month where we follow the 3R's -Revisit, Recall and Repeat. This month we shall revisit all the topics we had covered through the year in all the subjects and recall them and repeat them in class.

In Science, we revised different topics including functions of different organs, staying healthy, animal grouping, plant life and states of matter. Fun quizzes and group discussions were conducted in class and we also did simple and interesting worksheets on the topics.

We talked about the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world and also discussed different land and water forms with respect to Geography.

Our Little Scholars learnt spellings of different birds, insects and also began writing small paragraphs on different topics. We revised and played games on naming words and did worksheets on writing sentences, verbs and prepositions. Reading and spelling dictation continues in class and the children are getting better at it day by day.

Where the world of Math is concerned, Scholars have become confident in writing numbers and number names up to 1000. They continue to revise concepts in addition and subtraction and solve worksheets on different related topics. The children have also been taught multiplication in 4's and 5's.

Special Thursday being Group Art and Craft, the class got together to make a lovely chart on 'My Favourite Things' Each child had a chance to draw and stick three of their

favourite things. A great chance for each child to get to know their friends even better, this was a fun activity!

We all look forward to a great coming week at school!

# Upcoming Events

10<sup>th</sup> March 2016: Special Thursday: Cooking

11<sup>th</sup> March 2016: Funtastic Friday: TBC

This is a month of revision where no new UOI will be introduced.



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