



Cambridge
House



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Week At A Glance

From The Director

Dear Parents,

With the UOI on the *Amazing world of animals*, there is no end to what our children will learn this month. They will research, classify animals into groups and identify and describe key features of animals in each group.

Our Scholars will extend the learning to recognize that some animals are extinct, others are in danger of extinction, identify reasons why they are endangered and understand how people can help to protect them.

As parents, you can always extend their learning by taking them to meet animals – whether you choose to visit the zoo or the pet shop or even go for a walk in your own back yard.

Have a great weekend.

Kind Regards,

Usha Lamba
Director



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Explorers & Adventurers

This month, the children are learning about Domestic or Farm Animals. With fun animal songs and stories, the children have been shown flashcards of animals that live in different places all over the world.

Artwork included painting and gluing, which allows children to express their creativity and have fun. Developing a skill like painting provides the stimulus children need to be successful in all aspects of life.

Special Thursday this week was Group Art and Craft and the children all came together to make a chart of Farm Animals. This activity involved dabbing colourful paint with a sponge onto an animal cut out and then sticking it onto chart. Each child got to paint and stick one animal and the end result was beautiful.

In the Montessori area of the curriculum, the Adventurers were introduced to

sorting different objects according to their shape. They also continued to practice their skills of pouring large beans from one bowl to another and the opening and closing bottles.

Next week the children will be introduced to Pet Animals.

Discoverers

The world of animals fascinates the young and old alike. And as our young Discoverers enter the realm of animals, learning to differentiate animals according to their characteristics and excitement is endless.

Flash cards were shown, songs sung and group art was done all relating to the animal kingdom.

Each child was invited to speak about his favourite pet animal and the wild animal that scares him the most. The children enjoyed imitating the sounds that different animals make.



Montessori- Transferring of water, folding of napkins, opening and closing of jars were practiced.

Baby Yoga was practiced with great enthusiasm amongst the children. Fun and healthy, yoga at TLC promotes children's self esteem and teaches them respect for themselves and others.

We will continue to discuss the world of animals through the coming week. Our group art this week focused on Farm Animals, the children recreated " Old Mac Donald's Farm" with an array of animals.

Enquirers

We started the week with our new UOI of the month on the Animal Kingdom. The world of animals fascinated our young enquirers, as they learned more facts. They enjoyed singing songs like Daddy's taking us to the Zoo, Old Mac Donald, Little Bo Peep and of course their all time favourite Baa Baa Black Sheep. They imitated different animal sounds, learned the difference between farm and wild animals and the food they eat.

We will continue to research animals and their habitats and the different characteristics that the animals have to adapt to the environment.

Group art on special Thursday saw the children create a fantastic collage of a rooster.

Our work sheets covered identifying animals and their young ones, as well as matching animals. Children enjoyed putting together paper cut outs to make three-dimensional fun images, and also painting animals with bubble wraps and ear buds.

We also had a fun story session with the tale of Goldilocks and the three bears.

Montessori activities included Walking On Line From Heel To Toe, Tall To Short Knobbed Cylinder Blocks, Long Rods And Colour Box 2.

We look forward to another exciting week at TLC, when we will delve further into the animal kingdom.

Rangers

This week the children were amazed when they were told that there are millions of animal species that roam the earth and therefore it was important to be able to identify them and understand their habitat and characteristics so that we can coexist with them.

We started with discussing the very basic, the various categories of animals- Pet, Domestic and Wild and taking into account that children would easily relate to Pets we started our inquiry with - what is a pet, and what do pets depend on people for. Children reflected on how they would treat and care for pets if at all they had one because owning a pet is a huge responsibility and young children get excited when talking about pets and often want one without understanding their role in the process, therefore we enjoyed the story 'Franklin wants a pet'.

Next we moved on to discuss Domestic animals and their usefulness in our daily life and where they live and children can't have enough of singing about Old MacDonald and his famous, lovable farm animals. We also discussed Wild animals which are meant to live in forests and



sanctuaries and children are humming songs like 'Down in the Jungle where nobody goes', 'Daddy is taking us to the zoo tomorrow' and a lot more. Children also enjoyed doing work sheets and Art work. To make their understanding more effective we played a game of sorting animals and separating them according to the group they belonged to.

In Montessori this week the children were introduced to Addition and are also doing sand paper letters and numbers on a daily basis.

Group art this week was so much fun as they colored and painted cut outs of sea creatures to make a collage depicting 'Under the Sea'.

Next week we will be taking our inquiry further by introducing animal babies and animal cries and are looking forward to a fun filled month.



Our Wonderful UOI's

Constantly creating opportunities for engaging children in experiential learning, the teachers at TLC are encouraged to reflect on teaching and learning throughout each UOI. Our aim is to move our little students from their current level of knowledge and understanding to a higher point of knowledge with a deeper level of understanding. This voyage of discovery is stimulating and exciting, and tends to be unique for every child.

dentists, holding bits of nature in one's hand, all of these experiences assist us in forming pictures of how the World works. Without these moments of discovery we may not come to understand our complex connections to our world. As the grip of the virtual world grows stronger, we are in danger of becoming disconnected from what truly matters.

As it has been said, "if you do not know where you have been, you cannot know where you are going".

The teachers present facts through discussions, books, stories, flash cards, multi media presentations and a variety of other resources. However, learning facts , but our aim is to ensure conceptual understanding. Here is where we blend the fact finding with hands-on, minds-on experiences. It is with the support of our wonderful parents that these experiences can provide compelling evidence through real world experiences.

Our UOI learning helps to hone observations skills by broadening the field of observation beyond the size of a computer screen. In doing so we can also slow down to be more mindful and as a result more aware of our physical environment, the environment that demands our understanding to better navigate within it. If learning is limited to secondary sources, i.e. books and the internet, learning is diminished and also our capacity to develop depth of understanding is greatly reduced.

Providing experiential learning through hands-on experiments, minds-on opportunities in support of deepening learning. Talking with people like firemen and

Upcoming Events

Independence Day celebrations will be held in every class over the week.

Special Thursday 13th Aug: Cooking UOI Animals.



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