



Cambridge
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Week At A Glance

From The Director

Dear Parents,

We have been really busy this week. On the 7th and 8th of September we had our Technology part of the STEAM Program. Under this section we explored different topics such as:

- Clock/sundial
- Computer/Register
- Wheel/Car Wheels
- Electricity
- Phone/ Mobile

On the 10th and 11th September, we had our Engineering segment of STEAM September. Under this segment we demonstrated the strength of various materials through the 3 Little Pigs Story. We also discussed Windmills and how they work.

Next week we have our Art segment of our STEAM September.

Kind Regards,
Usha Lamba
Director



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An update from every teacher on what your children have learned over this week.

News From Our Classrooms

An update from the teachers

Explorers And Adventurers

The importance of vegetables and healthy eating is something that the children have been taught throughout the week. With the help of flashcards and stuffed vegetable toys, it is great to see the children learning the names of vegetables as they sing along to the rhymes on fruits and vegetables.

This week the artwork for the class of Explorers and Adventurers included sponge dabbing, balloon dabbing and cotton dabbing. The children also participated in a fun activity wherein they had to make a beautiful strawberry using paints and crayons.

In the area of Montessori, this week the children continue to perfect their skills of sorting according to colour and shape.

Special Thursday was Group Cooking this week and the entire class of Explorers and Adventures got together to make a deliciously tossed vegetable salad. Packed

with vitamins and minerals for a healthy body, this vegetable salad was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Funtastic Friday was 'Bring a Vegetable Day' and each child was happy to get along a vegetable to show to their friends. From green leafy vegetables to, brightly coloured capsicum to nutritious root vegies, it was a lot of fun watching them excitedly show their vegetable around.

Next week we are going to be showing the children different art forms under our Steam September theme.

Discoverers

'Vegetable man, vegetable man –what have you brought- An onion, a tomato, a brinjal and the lot'-

The child and teacher played a game where children were introduced to various vegetables in class.

Colours were matched, vegetable song were sung, worksheets were done related



to the topic of the UOI. We made an exciting salad full of healthy vegetables and dressed it up for that extra bit of zing.

Montessori: Activities included an introduction to Pink Towers both vertically and horizontally. Brown stairs were also introduced to the children.

Lot of fun activities took place in the class. Children played interesting games related to vegetables where a basket was placed in the middle and each time the teacher called out the name of the vegetable, they had to place it in the basket.

Art work included using lady finger printing, balloon dabbing and a paper mosaic technique was used for colouring.

This Friday each children brought in their favourite vegetable to school, and we discussed the nutrition aspect as well as the importance of including vegetables in our diet.

Enquirers

Technology is a concept that even our little Enquirers immediately relate to and take for granted, given that they see so much of it around. So we took them to a world from not so long ago where the telephone had a rotating dial, clocks were big and chimed deeply, and even more long, long ago it was the sun that cast its shadow to tell the time, and then there was a time when wheels were made of wood and moved carts drawn by oxen. When we prompted them to compare these with what they use today, they understood technology as a science that improves their daily lives. Similarly, engineering was explained to them with the thrilling tale of the three little pigs who had

homes made of straw, wood and bricks. Not only did our models bring alive the story, it helped ingrain the science behind building and design. The children were also excited about the simple windmill helping to power their electricity.

Work sheets and art activities centred around fruits, vegetables and flowers. The children enjoyed using real flowers to make pretty prints, and some simple origami for creating colourful carrots. We introduced new songs like wash the apple/mango/pear, two little apples, the fruit salad song and we are string beans.

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Montessori activities included touch boards, stereognostic bags, sound boxes, baric tablets, touch fabric and boards.

Rangers

The second week of September saw our Rangers group learning about vegetables and we introduced them to different types of vegetables such as leafy vegetables, roots and tubers, fruit vegetables, inflorescent vegetables and different types of beans. Children are now aware that there are many kinds of vegetables, they come in many shapes, size and colour, we can buy them fresh, canned or frozen, vegetables have different names, they can be eaten raw or cooked, eaten with skin or] we have to peel it first. They have also understood that vegetables are good for our body and



provide us with important nutrients. They are now aware that farmers grow vegetables and they grow on different types of plants and they need water and sunlight to grow. They were also delighted to know that each one of them could grow a few vegetables in their kitchen garden if they wished. They enjoyed solving worksheets like identifying vegetables and matching it to the correct word by recognizing the starting sound, naming the vegetable and circling the correct word, writing the starting sounds of vegetables and bifurcating the vegetables from fruits and marking them numerically. Art work comprised of making peas in a pod, corn printing, making an eggplant with purple okra printing and making a tree with cauliflower floret printing. The students were also encouraged to identify, describe and classify vegetables by playing different games like 'musical pass the vegetable' and 'let's make vegetable soup'.

In Geography we did a revision of the water globe and the continent globe and names of continents were revised.

This week as part of our STEAM concept children watched videos of important technological inventions which have made a difference to mankind like the invention of electricity, computer, telephone, clock and wheel. Engineering concepts like material and strength were explained to them with the story of the three little pigs and models of the straw house, twig house and brick house were put on display for them to understand the concept more clearly. A video on the invention of the windmill and the way it works was also shown to them.

In Montessori children have been working on Addition Strip Boards, Short Bead Stairs,

Objects with LMA –Box 1 and Objects with LMA- Box 2.

On Friday as part of the 'Bring a vegetable day' children were encouraged to speak about the vegetables they got from home. Special Thursday cooking saw the children enjoying washing, peeling and chopping the vegetables to make a salad with lemon and salt dressing.

On the whole this has been a busy and action packed week and we look forward to another enriching week where we will be introducing the children to 'Flowers' as part of our UOI and as part of our STEAM concept children will be witnessing various dance performances and will be introduced to a variety of Math games.

Upcoming Events

STEAM explorations will be held in every class over the week.

Special Thursday 10 September: Ganesh Chaturthi Holiday

Friday 11 September: Bring A Flower Day



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