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Ms Tina

Assistant Headteacher
Trung Son Campus Manager

Hello from Ms. Tina

As Term 1 comes to an end, we are proud of how well our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children have settled into school routines. They have enjoyed learning new things, taking part in practical activities and making new friends. The photos in this newsletter show some of the learning and happy moments from this term. We hope you enjoy seeing what the children have been doing!

Thank you for your ongoing support—we look forward to another fantastic term ahead!



KEY UPCOMING DATES

- Tuesday 27th October- Term 2 Starts
- Friday 6th November- Parents Day
- Monday 9th November- Anti-Bullying Week
- Tuesday 24th November- Vietnam Culture Day- no school
- Friday 27th November- Inclusion Day
- Friday 4th December - EYFS Sports Day
- Thursday 10th December- Y1-4 Christmas Concert
- Monday 14th December- SMMile Week
- Wednesday 16th December- Jingle Bells Bash



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Pre-Nursery/ Nursery



Ms Ila
Class Teacher









What an incredible start to the school year! Term 1 has been filled with big smiles, discoveries, and lots of milestones as our little learners settled into their new environment, met new friends, and learned our daily routines. It has been a joy to watch their confidence grow every single day.

Our learning journey began with the 'Wonderful World of Colours'. Inspired by stories like 'Mix It Up!' and 'Monsters Love Colours', the children explored free colour mixing with paint, made a giant monster-pattern collage, and learned to spot and name their favourite colours around the classroom.



Next, we enjoyed bear-themed stories and activities! In We're Going on a Bear Hunt, the children walked through and explored different materials, imagining they were on a bear hunt. They learnt words such as over, under and through. We also enjoyed a Teddy Bear Picnic.

Through Goldilocks and the Three Bears, the children learnt about big, medium and small, strengthened their hands by squeezing playdough and practised counting to three.

This term has been packed with hands-on exploration, mark-making, and lots of laughter.







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Reception



Ms Jade
Reception Class Teacher

Our term began with the children settling into Reception, learning new routines and building friendships. Through our “We Are Unique” topic, they have enjoyed discovering more about themselves and one another. We explored our names, feelings, interests, likes and dislikes, and discovered what makes each of us special. Our learning then moved on to the human body and the five senses. The children acted out ‘From Head to Toe’ and used the ‘Mat Man’ song to draw people. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they share ideas and begin using their phonics knowledge to read and write.









As our journey continued, the children explored their families and homes. They shared photographs, talked proudly about the important people in their lives and discovered that families can be similar and different. They created family portraits and used their growing phonics knowledge to label their pictures. We then explored the colourful world of Wassily Kandinsky, experimenting with circles, shapes, lines and colours before creating our own artwork. The children also worked together on a large collaborative composition, sharing ideas and creating something special together.





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Ms Amy R
Head of Year 1



Ms YanYan
Class Teacher

Year 1



What an incredible first term it has been in Year 1! The children have started the school year with great energy, impressing their teachers daily with their hard work and enthusiasm. In phonics, they are moving quickly through their Level 3 sounds, which has greatly boosted their reading confidence. Handwriting lessons have focused on mastering "ladder letters" to help identify tall and short letters. Our practical science activities have given the children an opportunity to learn new vocabulary by testing different material properties. Although learning remains active and fun, the children are adapting brilliantly to completing more formal, seated tasks! Year 1 are very excited to see what term 2 will bring.



In PSHE, we have been learning how to listen well. The children talked about what it means to listen with care and helped create our classroom listening rules. We know that children learn a lot through speaking and sharing ideas, so teaching them how to be active, thoughtful listeners is an important step in their learning journey!







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Ms Amy B
Head of Year 2



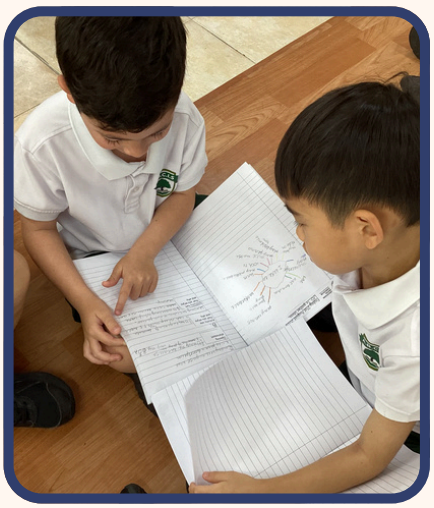
Mr Adam
Class Teacher

Year 2



Year 2 have had an incredible start to the year, including hands on experiences and lots of hard work. The children loved learning about 'The Great Fire of London' and comparing how 1666 London firefighting was very different to the modern safety gear and techniques we learnt about during our action packed trip to Vietopia.

In class, the children have become inquisitive scientists, exploring the properties of different materials. They then used their new Scientific knowledge to plan and carry out experiments including building a strong house and protecting an egg from a fall.



In English, the children have worked hard to produce some fantastic writing inspired by the stories 'Ruby's Worry' and 'Toby and the Great Fire of London'.

They have created interesting descriptions, recreated the story of Ruby's Worry using themselves as the main character, described the streets of London in 1666 and written a diary entry from the point of view of an eyewitness of 'The Great Fire of London'.







MUSIC



Ms Alex
Music Teacher

This term our Pre-Nursery & Nursery children have had a wonderful time in our "Let's Be Friends" unit! They learned key musical skills through fun welcome songs, rhythmic games, and movement. The children practised keeping a steady beat with body percussion and enjoyed taking turns during musical chants.

Our Reception class had so much fun exploring music and emotions through singing and playful movement! They practised singing high and low notes while keeping a steady beat using body actions. The children also created their own words and movements, and they loved playing with percussion instruments and using their voices to explore different sounds and moods. It was wonderful to watch their confidence and creativity grow as they made music together!











Our Year 1 children have had a great time exploring music through singing, fun movement games, and clapping rhythms! The children did an amazing job singing and playing percussion instruments together as a group. It is fantastic to see their confidence and musical skills grow!

Year 2 have been exploring music through the playful song "Tony Chestnut"! They practised singing high and low notes accurately while keeping a steady, continuous beat. The children enjoyed clapping rhythms, playing fun echo games, and remembering song lyrics. It was very impressive how they were able to work out the melody of the song they were singing on the bar chimes.

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Ms Aimee
PE Teacher

PE & Swimming











Our Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 students have had an exciting and active term in PE! We started the year by learning fun new playground games to build teamwork and keep everyone moving. In gymnastics, children have been learning to control their bodies by creating different shapes and holding strong balances. They also practiced jumping safely and making soft, confident landings. Down at the pool, students are building great water confidence while working through our 'Swimming Pathways' programme. Everyone is developing essential swimming skills like kicking, breathing, and gliding smoothly. We are so proud to see their confidence, strength, and skills grow each week!









Ms Agnes
Teacher

We are pleased to welcome our new Student Council members for this school year. They made a great start at their first assembly, where each member had a part to present. They spoke to the other children and shared their promises to help our school and their classmates.
This was a special opportunity for the members to practise speaking in front of others and build their confidence. We are proud of their efforts and look forward to hearing their ideas and working together to make our school even better.



SCHOOL COUNCIL





They also started their indoor and outdoor games, with many students taking part. Everyone had so much fun, including our Early Years children, who also joined in the activities! A huge well done to our Student Council members for their hard work and enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing them continue to lead, represent their classmates, and contribute to our school's mission of Achieving, Belonging and Caring throughout this school year.





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MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL









Our EY and KS1 children had a fantastic time celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival! They loved learning about the festival's traditions and receiving their own bright lanterns. The highlight was playing and parading with their lanterns together a joyful celebration filled with light, laughter, and big smiles.

Heart Day





Our children enjoyed Heart Day learning all about keeping their hearts healthy and active! They got moving to feel the immediate impact of exercise on their own heartbeats, leading to plenty of energetic fun. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised a wonderful amount of money for the VinaCapital Foundation to help fund life-saving heart surgeries for children in need.