



UNIT 2
EARLY YEARS 3A
NEWSLETTER

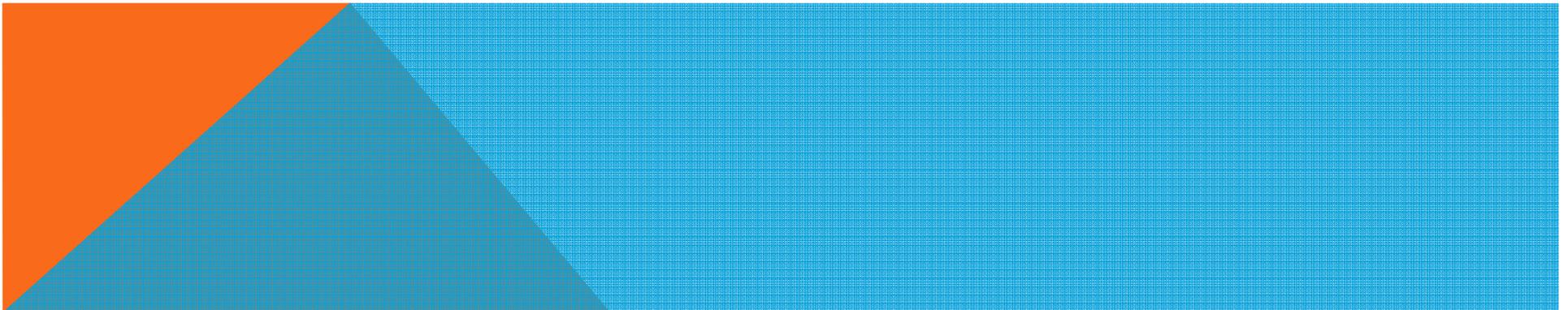
FRIENDLY REMINDERS

-Please remember to have your child wear uniforms everyday.

-We have Library on Friday. Please bring the library books back anytime before Friday. Only One book will be allowed out at a time.

-If you want to celebrate your child's birthday in school please ask me a few days before.

-Thanks for your support!



MATH AND ENGLISH CLASS

MATH CLASS

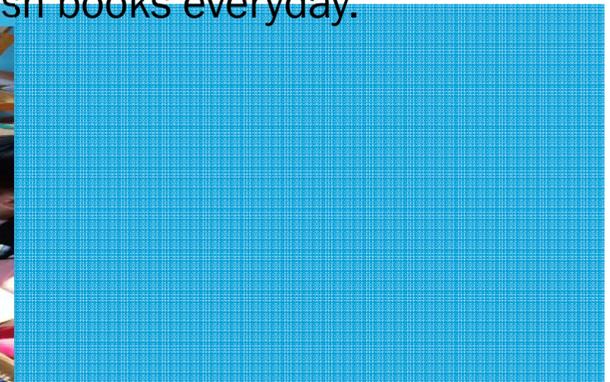
Students had lots of opportunities this term to explore with our math materials and learn about numbers. Using our shapes students learned how they can make a variety of different shapes and structures. Students also had chances to explore numbers 1-10 with our beans and beads table. Please take a moment to see our math display and read more about the students discoveries.



ENGLISH CLASS

Our English classes this term focused on basic literacy, phonics and beginner writing skills. Students have made impressive progress recognizing sounds and labeling their drawings using their knowledge of phonics. We display these drawings outside and inside our classroom. Please take a look when you have time and watch our students improve throughout the year.

Students also learned basic literacy skills through our daily Storytime. Some of these skills include making predictions and relating to the story. One way to help with these skills at home is by reading Chinese or English books everyday.



UNIT OF INQUIRY

We had a very productive unit this term. Students explored different roles in our community through a variety of experiences. They especially enjoyed touring our school kitchen and seeing a local fire station. Through play they practiced all these roles and applied what they learned. Students also gained a deeper understanding of how reflection helps us learn. After every experience we met as a class to discuss our thoughts and what we found out. The students' thinking was typed up and made into displays in our classroom. Please take a moment to look at them and see their progress.

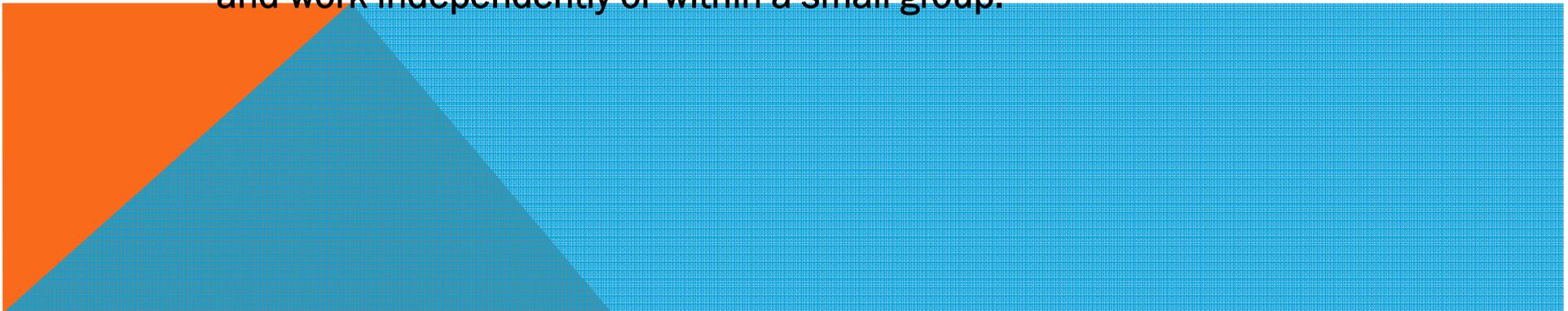


SPECIALIST CLASSES

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Throughout Unit 1 the students have worked really hard to learn the routines in the Art Room. They are learning how to follow instructions and how to work independently. During Unit 1 the students learnt about the formation of lines. We looked at vertical, horizontal, wavy, zig zag and many more. The students used their own bodies to make the lines and then they practiced drawing and creating them in 2D and 3D form. Students then used lines and shapes to create Zentangle patterns. All students did an amazing job. Their Artwork can be seen displayed in the front foyer area.

In Unit 2 the students will have a main focus on using different textiles, and how they can be used to create Art using techniques such as weaving and collage. The students will be using the Transdisciplinary theme of 'How we Express Ourselves'. The students will continue to maintain the routines in the Art room, and work independently or within a small group.

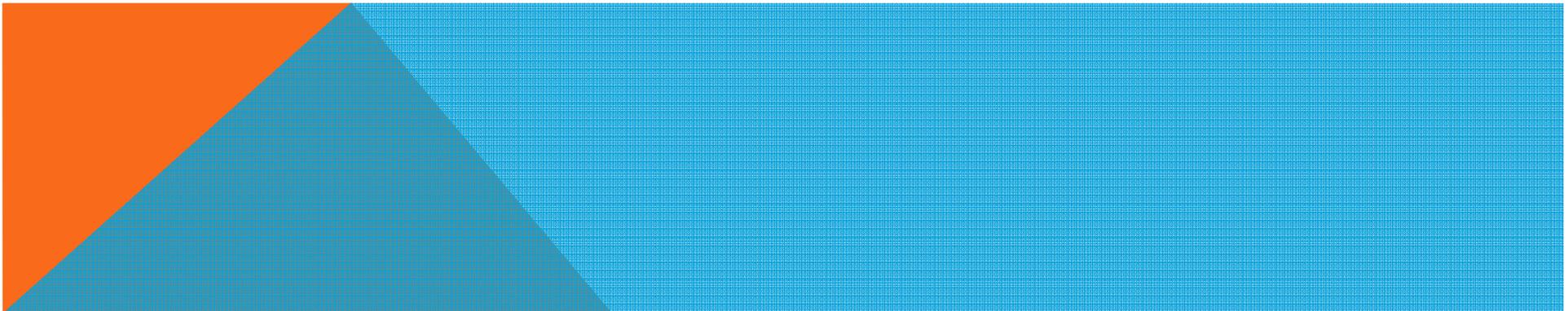


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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Unit 1 PE for our younger students is about exploring the environment, equipment and learning about how the body moves. We focused on understanding balance, how to fall safely and how to climb over various heights. Towards the end of the unit we started to look at kicking and throwing - how the body can move objects. All the students loved exploring how to climb, with many of them showing excellent balancing skills.

Our next unit we will continue to look at how our body moves, running, walking, skipping and jumping, while we will be measuring a few simple body measurements, like height and weight, as an introduction to the 'Health' aspect of PE.



SPECIALIST CLASSES

MANDARIN

Over the last unit, learners have started their conversation in my class. Based on this, we're happy to explore more through story books reading, scene reconstruction with stage properties, handcraft as well as outdoor activities.

Always, there is a better way to express ourselves not only in next unit, let's show children a better way to communicate, treat members around us, discover beauty in our life. We're very welcome you to share family stories or read related stories into our class. Please feel free to contact me with your questions!

LIBRARY

The Early Years groups have finally made their way up to the library and are settling into the routines of library lessons. These students are excited to borrow the library books and some even bring them back after school so they can borrow some more! It is lovely to see the smiling faces as they arrive to the library. It was particularly thrilling for the Pre-Nursery group recently, as they borrowed their first book ever!

