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Enrichment programmes are key!

At MES Cairo, we pride ourselves offering a rich and varied range of activities available to our students, through a far-reaching enrichment programme. Encompassing regular after-school ASAs, one-day special events, team sports training, peripatetic music provision and the expressive arts, to name but a few, an enrichment programme allows our students to contribute or diversify their interests and skills, as well as providing a route to make new friends, develop new interests, promote a teamwork ethic and deepen their social and intellectual growth. Self-esteem is also enhanced when students discover that there's something they're good at outside of the classroom. We focus on nurturing our students academically, spiritually, physically, emotionally, and socially and our enrichment programme is a key aspect to support this aim.



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In FS1 Violet...

...we celebrated our learning through our assembly. Firstly, we talked about the importance of healthy food and shared facts about healthy eating using the new vocabulary we had learnt. We also used our Talk 4 Writing skills to retell the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'. Later, we joined in with the repeated refrains and told the story in the correct order. Yes, we showed great team work, resilience and confidence throughout our assembly.





In FS2 Violet...

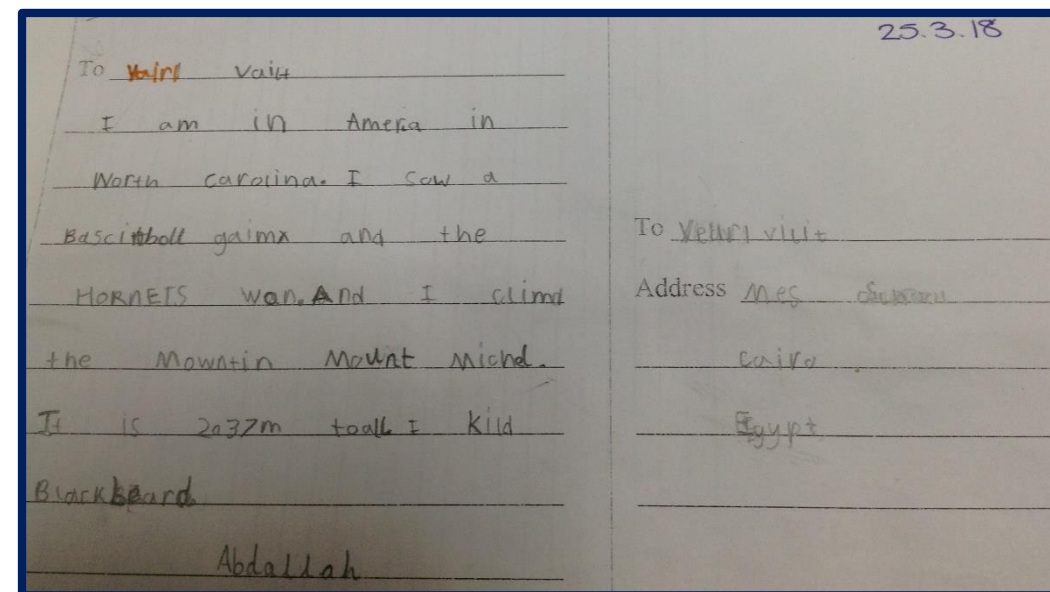
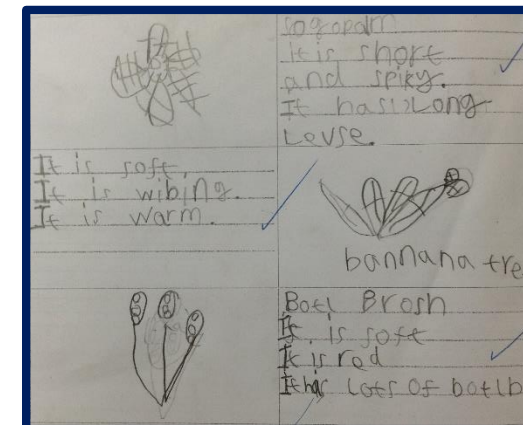
...we have had a fun-filled, busy week while learning about rhyming strings and making up funny sentences. Can you think of words that rhyme with man, six, wet, pen or sun? A beautiful princess came to visit our POD as part of our topic 'Let's Pretend'. We also enjoyed reading and acting out the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' and making ginger scented playdough, which certainly smelled good enough to eat!





In Year 1 Violet...

...we have been really busy this week. We enjoyed writing postcards, sharing our travels and adventures with the class after we visited different countries around the world. The Explorers topic continues to inspire us and we have explored new heights learning about air transport and the Wright Brothers first successful flying machine, built in 1903. In Maths, Mr Bruce taught us about capacity when we made special fruit cocktails. We measured all our own juice and compared the amounts using the mathematical symbols 'greater than' and 'less than'. In Art we have been enthused about the work of famous sculptures by Michelle Reader and Eva Rothschild. It was so much fun working together to make recycled monsters. Last week we planted seeds under two different conditions, with light and without light. We've been checking them every day to see if they are growing. On Wednesday, we went around the school investigating plants and describing their differences. Throughout the week we have been working together sharing ideas and supporting each other. With smiles all around, we have definitely earned a restful weekend.





In Year 2 Violet...



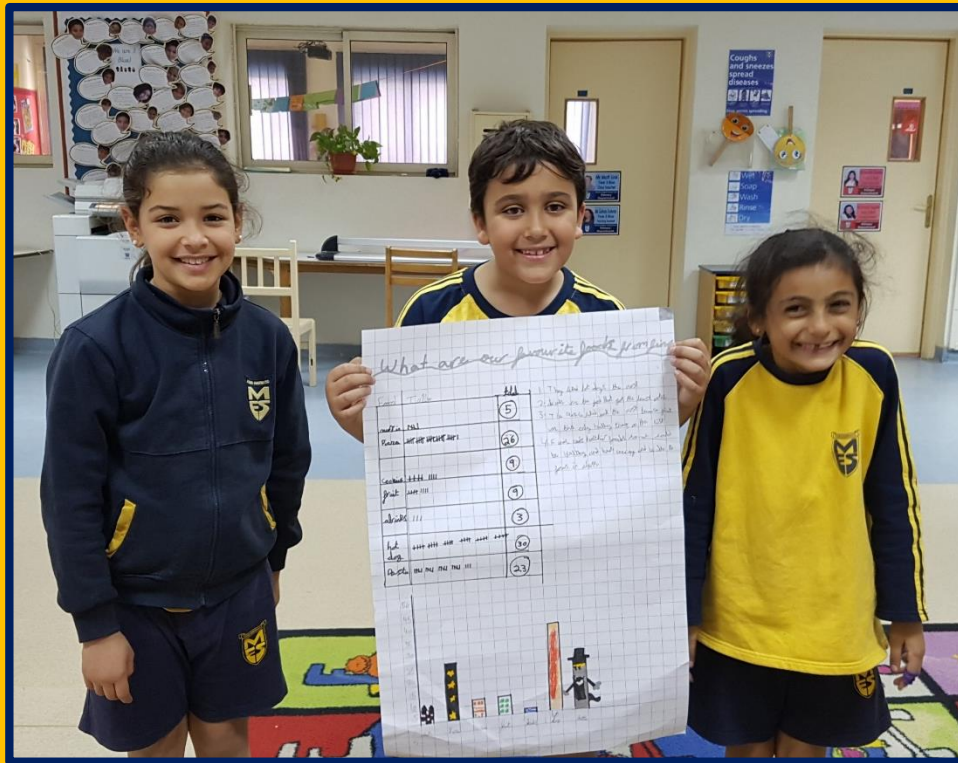
...we had an action packed week. First, we had the pleasure of performing our assembly which was challenging, but made us very proud as a class. Performing to our parents shows them how 'grown up' we have become. Apart from performing, we also continued the hard work in the classroom. In Maths, we looked at missing number multiplication and division calculations and used all the facts we have learnt so far to ensure we used the correct method. In English, we have been writing our own traditional tales. We are now using a wider range of punctuation and ensuring our stories have lots of adjectives and adverbs to make them interesting for the reader. In Science, we learnt about the difference between water proof and water resistant. We also carried out an investigation and tested the materials chalk, paint, charcoal, wax crayons, pencil and felt tip to see which materials were water resistant. Only wax crayons are water resistant.



In Year 3 Violet...



...for the past few weeks we have been having fun learning about data handling in Maths. We have entered information on tally charts, bar charts and pictograms before answering questions based on the information. We even got a chance to conduct our own survey within the class and analyse that data. Using the information gathered we found out what the class' favourite fruits, movie genres and colours are. As a fun way to end the two weeks we thought it would be interesting to see what food was most often purchased from Finos. Therefore, during one of our breaks we asked a random selection of Years 1, 2 and 3 students to name their food of choice. Finally, we were able to present our findings to the other Year 3 classes!



In Year 4 Violet...



...we put on an absolutely brilliant performance, acting and singing with resilience, as our contribution to the Year 4 production of 'The Jungle Book'. The students in our class had extremely challenging scenes to perform, with intricate dance moves, which required each and every one of them to work extra hard as a team to portray one single character - Kaa the Snake! Resourceful art skills helped them to create a single, unique character snake costume. They also magically performed several solo and group dances, all of which were choreographed by some of the Year 4 Violet girls. Congratulations, Year 4 Violet, on your outstanding teamwork and performance on stage!

In Year 5 Violet...

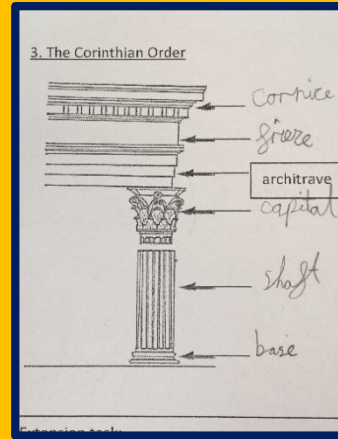


...we really enjoyed reading the book 'Floodland', by Marcus Sedgwick. The book portrays a world where, due to rising sea levels, land is a commodity to keep hold of, whatever the cost, and children are forced to become gang members as their only chance of survival. After watching a short clip of the New Zealand rugby team exhibiting a team dance, called a 'Haka', to intimidate their opponents, the students formed their own gangs and then created their own dance. They incorporated chanting and facial expressions the aim of which was to terrify rival gangs. They certainly had a lot of fun and each group was certainly a frightening sight to behold.



In Year 6 Violet...

...our Ancient Greek topic is drawing to an end. During our studies, we have been immersed in the wonders of this ancient civilisation, learning lots about architecture and life in Greece. Whilst studying Ancient Greek columns, we have discovered that the Doric, Ionic and Corinthian column styles differ greatly and have a number of distinct, decorative features. We have also noticed that these styles have stood the test of time and that we often see them recreated on modern buildings in the locality. We have picked up new vocabulary linked to architecture, sketched our own column designs and, finally, managed to create miniature columns from clay.





In French...



...Year 5 Red have been learning about French food and now know how to order in a restaurant. We have realised that many French dishes are even on menus in British restaurants. Some of these are pâté, crème brûlée, ratatouille and fondue. With our partners, we engaged in role-play activities ordering and serving delicious meals. We also researched these foods on the internet and found that we recognised many of the dishes. Did you know that fondue au chocolat, profiteroles and éclairs are all very popular amongst our classmates?



App of the Week

Year 5 students have been exploring Google Slides and how it can be used in more ways than just a simple presentational application. Animating our own creations in computing lessons has taught us how to make our learning jump off the screen. Best of all, Google Slides provides us with opportunities to work with our friends, even when we are at home!





Coming Up Next...

Sunday 8th and Monday 9th April

School Closed

Wednesday 11th April

FS1 Grandparents day

Monday 16th April

Year 6 Cyprus Trip 3 Departs

Tuesday April 24th

Year 2 Production

Term 2 Ends