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Letter to Parents (EY3)

Dear Parents,

Over the next few weeks, children will be learning about 'Patterns'. This unit is part of the Early Years programme of the International Primary Curriculum. This new curriculum has been specially written for young children sets out clearly what children should learn in four groups or 'strands' — these are called 'Independence and Interdependence', 'Communicating', 'Exploring', and 'Healthy Living'. The activities, which have been planned, will cover these strands in the following ways:

Independence and Interdependence

The children will explore traditional patterns from around the world and this will help them to understand diversity. They will have opportunities to play alone, alongside and with other children. Parents must allow their children to create patterns on his / her own and let them handle the material on their own and keep them in a proper place after being used.

Communicating

We will look at patterns in words — especially rhyme and rhythm. The children will also spend a lot of time creating their own patterns, employing a variety of processes of art and craft. Parents must talk to their children to name patterns in their homes on a bed sheet or on curtains, on the floor and so on. Parents can talk about the various patterns on animals.

Exploring

The children will look for patterns and be encouraged to think logically. They will be able to choose and experiment with materials, play around with ideas and actively explore with all their senses. Parents must allow learners to create patterns with water colours, beads, craft paper or from

a waste material like pieces of cloth or paper, empty bottles and boxes, shells or buttons etc. Parents along with their child must explore Internet for animal patterns.

Healthy Living

The children will have the opportunity throughout the theme to develop the skills of making choices, paying attention and concentrating. Parents must teach their child to handle the material carefully and with minimal wastage.

We will begin this theme on **24th August, Thursday** by having a ‘special clothes’ day. The children and staff will be wearing their favourite patterned outfits.

As always, I welcome any support or suggestions, which you may have.

Yours faithfully,

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