February 2018 What we have been up to...

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HALLOWEEN

Jack-o'-lanterns, trick-or-treats and dress-ups were some of the exciting things we got up to for Halloween last year. We also had our parents join us for some fun games and a picnic.

EMOTIONS & FEELINGS

We learnt about our different and feelinas. emotions A† SmartKids we believe that our feelings and emotions are very important to understand. We discovered how to label them and that it is okay to feel them too. We made emotion mobiles, a feelings wheel and salt dough emotion faces. We also started an emotions chart where every day we pegged our face on the emotion we were feeling that day.

CHRISTMAS

What an exciting time we had talking about Christmas, making gifts, wrapping presents, and decorating our classroom for the festive season. We made gingerbread men, snow globes, salt-dough hand-prints, and Christmas decorations to name a few, but the highlight was definitely Santa's visit! It was so special to share this exciting day with our moms and dads, and to be able to see Santa - he even gave us all a present.

OUR WONDERFUL WORLD

After our exciting Christmas break, we all came back with some special memories from our holiday. We had friends visiting different areas of the world, and of course getting there was as exciting as the holiday itself. Whether it was a car trip to the beach or an international flight back to their home town/country, it was incredible. This started our first week's discussion on our holidays and how we get there. We had fun with the Yellow Group painting a big aeroplane to play in, pretending we were going off on holiday again. We also used some recycled materials to create our own modes of transport and did 'going on a holiday' yoga. During this time we also spoke about visiting places that our family comes from, and that some friends are from faraway places across the world. We then looked at maps and globes and where different places were in the world.



Playing the Vietnamese "Crocodile Game"

LIVING IN VIETNAM

Since we all are living in Vietnam, we have been talking about different things relating to this country, such as their flag, 'non la's', 'ao dai's', lotus flowers. and common resources grown in Vietnam, such as rice and coffee. We also made fresh spring rolls with the children and got to taste them too! Tet is also a special time in Vietnam and we look forward to watching the Dragon Dance at SmartKids to celebrate the Vietnamese New Year!

DATES TO DIARIZE 14th - 26th February: Closed for Lunar New Year (Tet)

12th-16th March: Parent-Teacher meetings

23rd-2nd May: Closed for April break

GOODBYE'S & HELLO'S

We said goodbye to a few friends who moved up to the "Big Kids"...



We welcomed some new friends to the Green Group...





Ryan



Naya



Vietnam is such a diverse country where we are in contact with people from different places all around the world. At SmartKids we acknowledge that all children are individual and what better way to encourage our learners to recognize, appreciate and respect their own and others roots and individuality by exploring each country that is connected to a child. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the different countries our friends come from in the Green Group, discussing things such as their country's flags, special monuments, national flowers/animals, languages, and

clothing.

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