



Al Ain English Speaking School

Preschool Learning Pathway

Week beginning: 9.9.24

Dear Parents,

It has been fantastic to continue to welcome the children into school this week. We are very proud of how well the children have settled into the Preschool routines with their new teachers and are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead together!

We will begin to take part in all specialised subjects offered to Preschool; PE, music and library and the children will be introduced to their new teachers so please be sure to ask them all about these fun and exciting lessons.

As the children are still settling into a new environment, we encourage you to please be prompt when collecting your child at your chosen time of either 1 pm or 2.30 pm to prevent any undue stress.

Contacting Preschool Teachers:

We are always happy to support in any way we can, so if you have any questions or concerns please send your child's class teacher an email (see addresses below).

When contacting staff please remember they have family time outside of school too. Staff are expected to read emails daily (Monday - Friday) and respond within 24 hours. They may choose to read or respond outside of school hours but please do not expect it. Please also bear in mind that they will be teaching or in meetings during the school day (7.30am - 3.00pm) so will not be able to respond straight away.

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Important Information:

- Gates will open promptly at **7.05am** (Monday - Friday).
- The National Anthem will play at **7.30am** every day.
- Pick up for Preschool is: **1pm or 2.30pm** (Monday - Thursday)
- Pick up for Preschool is: **12pm** on a Friday.

Preschool learning:

This week in Phonics we will continue to meet the phonics monsters and read their stories together. We have had some fantastic drawings of the monsters so far and we look forward to seeing some more wonderful creations.

This week in Understanding the world we will take a look at each other's family photographs from home and talk about the differences that we notice between them. The photos will be displayed in the classroom and used as a discussion tool throughout the year.

This week in expressive art and design we will investigate some simple instruments to see if we can copy the rhythmic and repetitive sounds made by our teacher. We will also express our feelings to music through different mark making activities.

This week in maths, we will explore different objects and examine the size differences among them. Additionally, we will practice completing inset puzzles with our friends.

This week in literacy we will explore drawings using different mark making tools to create our very first drawing of our learning journey in Preschool.

Things to remember: Please print your child's name on each item they sent to school so if they become miss placed, they can easily be identified and returned.

Preschool PE Days:

PE will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On their PE days, students should wear their PE kit to school.

Upcoming events

20 day A AESS Wellbeing Challenge!

How many of these activities will make you smile?

Remember: If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours!



START READING A BOOK	LISTEN TO YOUR FAVOURITE SONG	WRITE DOWN 5 THINGS THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY	DO SOMETHING CREATIVE	GO FOR A WALK
WATCH YOUR FAVOURITE SHOW	CLEAN YOUR BEDROOM	COOK SOMETHING TASTY	MAKE A LIST OF THINGS THAT YOU LIKE ABOUT YOURSELF	GO TO BED 30 MINUTES EARLIER
PLAY A BOARD GAME WITH SOMEONE	EXERCISE FOR 30 MINUTES	DRAW A PICTURE	HAVE A QUIET 30 MINUTES	GIVE SOMEONE A COMPLIMENT
NO TECHNOLOGY AN HOUR BEFORE BED	MAKE HOMEMADE FOOD	MEET UP WITH A FRIEND	WRITE DOWN THINGS YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR	TRY AND LEARN A NEW SKILL

PRIZES FOR THE BEST PORTFOLIO AND PHOTOS, HANDED IN ON THE 30TH SEPTEMBER TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER / TUTOR

TAKE SOME TIME EACH DAY TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR WELLBEING!

Values

Respect



Inspired by the legacy of the founding father, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan we will focus on the value of **Respect** this term.

Our expectations are that students will:

- Show respect for the thoughts and opinions of others
- Demonstrate respect for their friends, their families and all school staff
- Celebrate different skills, achievements and interests
- Speak appropriately when communicating with others

This week in pictures:

