



Al Ain English Speaking School

Preschool Learning Pathway

Week beginning: 02.12.24

Dear Parents,

It was really lovely to see so many of you at our National Day event last week. We are incredibly proud of all the children who performed and grateful to all the parents and staff who generously contributed to the day and helped with the planning and preparations. Please be reminded, that due to the UAE's National Day Public Holiday, school will be closed Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd December. School will resume as normal from Wednesday 4th December. We trust you will have a restful and enjoyable 53rd National day holiday.



This year, Pre-School and FS2 sports day will take place on Wednesday 4th December. This is a great opportunity for the children to compete in fun, energetic sporting activities and support our initiatives to promote healthy lifestyles. Please see the email sent on Wednesday with all the relevant information and timings. **Please note - children will need to return to class after their activities and be collected or go home on the bus at the normal time.**

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:

Week beginning: Monday 2nd December 2024

This week in Math, we will continue our exploration of linking numerals to quantities, deepening our understanding of how these concepts apply to our everyday lives. We will engage in hands-on activities that allow us to connect what we have learned to meaningful, real-world experiences we have encountered during our play.

This week in literacy, we will share our experiences from the National Day weekend spent with our families. While listening to our friends adventures, we will try to identify words, names, or places that start with the same initial sound.

This week in phonics, we will build on our experiences as we continue to learn how to break down individual sounds in words (syllables), including the names of our friends, objects, and places we may have visited over the National Day weekend.

This week in Understanding the World, we will present and discuss the posters we've created about our lives in the UAE. We will ask each other questions about the various photographs we observe and talk about any similarities we notice. We will also keep practicing our vocabulary words related to the life cycle of a chicken and their meanings.

This week in expressive Art and Design we will draw on our experiences to enrich our imaginative vocabulary, enabling us to describe what we have created with our complex small worlds and the reasons behind our choices. This will also enable us to articulate in detail what we have created and the reasons behind our designs.

Preschool PE Days:

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

Upcoming events

EYFS Sports Day

Wednesday 4th December

Preschool: 8:30 am till 10:00 am held on the astro. (8 stations, 8 minutes per station, 2 minute change over time between stations)

FS2: 10:30 am till 12:15 pm held on the astro. (10 stations, 8 minutes per station, 2 minute changeover time between stations)



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Winter Concerts

Preschool: Monday 9th December



The children have been busy practicing their winter concert songs and can not wait to perform them for you. More information will be sent via email.

Values

Tolerance

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

Our expectations are that students will:

- Show respect for the thoughts and opinions of others
- Understand that we are all unique and have something valuable to offer
- Accept and appreciate differences
- Understand and support each other if mistakes are made



This week in pictures:

