



# Al Ain English Speaking School

*Preschool Learning Pathway*

*Week beginning: 06.01.25*

*Dear Parents,*

**2025**

Happy New Year! We are excited to welcome everyone back to school on Monday and hope that you and your family have all had a wonderful winter break. We are confident that the children will continue to make fantastic progress this year and look forward to working alongside you again this term.

Our programme of Enhanced Curriculum Provision (ECP) begins again next week. Please try to arrive **promptly at either 1.00pm** to collect your son/daughter if they are not attending an activity **or promptly at 2.30pm** on the days when your child will stay in school to take part in their chosen activity. **Kindly note that the gates will close 20 minutes after opening.**



## *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 6th January

This week in Understanding the World, we will focus on recognising and understanding the importance of respecting and caring for the natural environment and all living things around us. We will begin by exploring ways to keep our surroundings clean and protect wildlife through the story *The Messy Magpie*.

This week in Expressive Art and Design, we will focus on drawing animals with greater complexity and detail. We will explore their unique features, such as the stripes of a tiger, the spots of a giraffe, and the feathers of a bird. Additionally, we will share our observations about these animals, compare them to others, and incorporate simple shapes and patterns into our discussions and artwork.

This week in math, we will focus on understanding what a pattern is and start identifying patterns in our surroundings. We will explore our classroom to find various objects that display patterns, and then take a walk outside to see if we can discover even more patterns in the environment.

This week in our Drawing Club element of Literacy, we will be reading the story "*Hullabaloo at the Zoo*," paying close attention to the illustrations on the cover and throughout the beginning of the book. We will create a list of the various animals we encounter and then choose one to draw. Additionally, we will introduce the hook for our new Talk for Writing story, "*Dear Zoo*," by exploring different animal patterns around the school.

This week in phonics, we will focus on recognising words that rhyme and will practice extending rhyming strings by creating a fun "rhyming soup" with the help of our Monster Phonics friend, Angry Red A. As we mix and match different rhyming words, we'll enhance our understanding of phonetic patterns and develop our creativity in language.

## Preschool PE Days:

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

# Upcoming events

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Term 2 will run from Monday 6th January to Friday 21st March.

The **Mid-Term Break** during term 2 will begin on Friday 7th February at 12pm. School will resume after the break on Monday 17th February.

## 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:

