



Al Ain English Speaking School

Preschool Learning Pathway

Week beginning: 13.01.25

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see all the children back in school after the winter break, listening to and sharing what everyone did during the vacation.

Our new learning topics have started with interesting hooks to grab the children's interest and we look forward to the journey that our learning will take us on.

Our Term 2 Values

Care Resilience



Our Term 2 values are care and resilience. We will start this term looking at the value of care and our expectations are that students will:

- Take care of themselves
- Take care of each other
- Take care of our school / our world
- Take care with their work

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 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 13th January

This week in maths we will take a look at zoo animals to recognise and discuss their skin patterns, such as stripes and spots, while encouraging each other to create stories based on these patterns. We will then explore a range of different tools and techniques to create our own individual animal print patterns.

This week in our Literacy Drawing Club, we will explore the second part of the Hullabaloo story and share our observations about what happened and what we noticed in the illustrations. We will compile a list of all the different zoo and jungle animals featured in the story and create a drawing of our favorite one. In our Talk For Writing segment, we will begin by examining the title and cover of the story "Dear Zoo" and use our developing print and letter skills to create a list of the animals featured in it.

This week in phonics, we will further enhance our ability to recognise rhyming words through stories and games. We will delve into the rhyming tale "Llama Llama Red Pajama," trying to guess the words that rhyme while using drums to establish a rhythm.

This week in Understanding the World, we will further explore the importance of respecting and caring for the natural environment and all living beings. We will share and discuss our opinions on whether Morris the Magpie was contributing to environmental care, while also reflecting on the different objects he found.

This week in Expressive Art and Design, we will enhance our drawings by adding backgrounds to our animal illustrations to depict their habitats, while also incorporating additional materials for innovative 3D creations.

Things to remember: If you would still like to take part in our Preschool garden sign competition, please can you send to school your child's work as soon as possible. For more information please contact your child's teacher.

Preschool PE Days:

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

Upcoming events



**LITTLE MINDS
BIG EMOTIONS**

Join us for an insightful presentation exploring how children's emotions are linked to their brain development and behaviour. Learn practical strategies to support their emotional well-being and nurture their growth.

**WEDNESDAY
15 JANUARY
1.30 pm
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**PRESENTED BY
MRS. ANIKA
HUEMER, M.ED.**

Fill in the google form below if you intend to attend the session at 1.30pm on Wednesday:
[Little Minds, Big Emotions](#)

Values

Care



Inspired by the legacy of the founding father, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, we will focus on the value of **Care** in Term 2.

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This week in pictures:

