



Al Ain English Speaking School

Preschool Learning Pathway

Week beginning: 03.02.25

Dear Parents,

As part of a school 'Sustainability' initiative we are asking for donations of clean glass jars such as jam or honey jars, and clean, empty 2 litre milk cartons. These items will help us to prepare some exciting home grown treats.



Our termly Book Fair was another huge success and the children thoroughly enjoyed their visits. We would also like to extend our warmest thanks to all the parents and family members who visited the book fair during the week.

Please be reminded that the **Mid-Term Break** will begin at **12pm** on **Friday 7th February** School will resume after the break on **Monday 17th February**.

Mid Term
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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:

- **Please be reminded that at drop off and pick up times, students should not play on the equipment in the playgrounds and parents should not speak to any students on site without their parent's permission.**
- *Please also be reminded children should not attend school if they have sickness, diarrhea or have fever like symptoms. In the event of any absence from school, please email your child's class teacher and csmith@aaess.sch.ae about the absence and reason.*

Preschool learning:

Week beginning: Monday 3rd February

This week in phonics, we will continue our exploration of alliteration. Our learning objectives include identifying and suggesting objects that correspond to a specified letter sound, matching objects that share the same initial sound, recognising names that begin with a given letter sound, and accurately articulating sounds while employing the correct mouth movements.

This week in Math, we will review our counting skills and number recognition. We will place special emphasis on matching numerals to their corresponding quantities. The activities planned will be both engaging and interactive. They will encourage turn-taking among the children while also reinforcing the importance of following rules. We look forward to a fun, mathematical week!

This week in Literacy marks our final week of exploring "Dear Zoo." We will have the opportunity to take turns and collaborate as we bring the story to life by acting out the various characters. The children will get to dress up in costumes that represent their chosen animals, adding an element of fun to the experience. Using microphones, they will narrate the story with expression, enhancing their storytelling skills. This engaging activity will not only reinforce their understanding of the narrative but also foster teamwork and creativity among the children.

This week in Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design, we will be finalising our recently learned skills in preparation for Mask-Making Fun Friday, where parents will join us. We will continue to investigate how various materials function, exploring ways to manipulate, join, and extend them. This hands-on experience will allow us to express our creativity and enhance our understanding of different materials. We are eagerly looking forward to seeing the wonderful creations we can make together. It promises to be an exciting and collaborative event!

Thank you to all the children who participated in the Preschool Garden Sign competition. We have received wonderful feedback regarding the creativity and effort displayed by the children. This week, the AAESS primary student council will evaluate the entries and select the winning design, which will be transformed into a real sign by Ms. Rebecca and the winner. We appreciate everyone's support, hard work and enthusiasm!

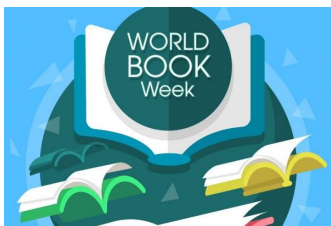
Upcoming events

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Week beginning: 17th February 2025

Our Primary Parent-Teacher meetings will be held, in your child's classroom at school, during the week of 17th February. A sign up sheet with exact dates and times will be emailed to you after the mid term break.



Week beginning: 3rd March 2025

Throughout the week beginning the 3rd March 2025, the students will be recognising World Book Day. We will complete a number of activities to promote a love of reading. Further information to follow soon.

Preschool PE Days:

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

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.

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

This week in pictures:

