



Al Ain English Speaking School

Preschool Learning Pathway

Week beginning: 10.03.25

Dear Parents,

As part of the UAE's Year of Community initiative, and during the Holy month of Ramadan, we have introduced Service Learning Fridays. Our programme has been developed to support the belief that education is more than just academics and is about preparing our children to be compassionate, responsible, and engaged members of society. Therefore, during the Holy Month of Ramadan, students will have the opportunity to take part in real-life, age-appropriate, service-learning activities such as: creating kindness campaigns, taking part in environmental clean-ups and organising book donation drives.



Please be reminded during the holy month, the school day timings will be as follows:
From **Monday to Thursday** lessons will begin promptly at **9:00 am** and end at **2:00 pm**.
On **Friday** lessons will begin promptly at **9:00 am** and end at **12:00 pm**
The school gates will open at 8.45am each day. Children will go straight to their classrooms where their teachers will be there to welcome them.

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 10th March

This week in Math, we will focus on following a simple route. As we do this, we will also incorporate the positional language we've been getting familiar with. This language is derived from the Talk for Writing story, "Rosie's Walk." We aim to deepen our understanding of both the route and the language. This activity will help us connect our math skills with the storytelling elements we've explored.

This week in Phonics, we will continue to concentrate on voice sounds. We will work on adding sound effects to a song using our voices. Additionally, we will learn to discuss the various sounds we can produce. This activity will help us explore the capabilities of our voices and allow us to understand the versatility of our voices.

This week in Literacy, we will begin retelling the first part of the story by using our story map, which includes pictures to guide us. As we share our retellings, we will pay special attention to how we introduce our story to the audience. This will help us engage listeners right from the start and set the tone for our narrative. We will practice using expressive language and clear descriptions to make our introductions captivating. By the end of the week, we hope to improve our storytelling skills and build confidence in presenting our stories.

This week in Understanding the World, we will continue our exploration of different materials and their unique properties by engaging in hands-on activities where we will investigate various objects to see which ones float and which ones sink. As we conduct these experiments, we will discuss any changes that we observe in the appearance of the objects during the process. This activity will not only enhance our understanding of materials but also promote critical thinking and observation skills.

This week in Expressive Art and Design, we will focus on encouraging children to respond to what they have heard, allowing them to express their thoughts and feelings creatively. We will engage in various active listening activities designed to enhance their listening skills and comprehension. Through these activities, children will learn to articulate their reactions and emotions in response to different sounds and stories. We will also provide opportunities for them to create art that reflects their feelings and interpretations of what they have experienced.

Preschool PE Days:

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

Upcoming events

Spring Break Holiday

Monday 24th March - Wednesday 9th April

Term two will finish on Friday 21st February and school will resume on Thursday 10th April at the original timings, 7:45 am -2:30 pm. There will be no ECAs during the first week.



Values

Resilience



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

Our expectations are that students will:

- Develop strategies to persevere
- Have a 'can do' approach to problem solving and new learning
- Develop a positive and optimistic mindset
- Learn how to be more adaptable and flexible when faced with a problem

This week in pictures:

