



# Al Ain English Speaking School

## Preschool Learning Pathway

Weeks beginning: 21.4.25

Dear Parents,

With the temperatures rising as we move through Term 3, please be reminded that your child will need to **wear their hat** to play outdoors with their friends. As it is important for the children to continue with their daily exercise, school staff will continue to encourage students to play in the natural or built shade environments around the school and will also monitor those children who are regularly without a hat. In addition to this, please ensure that your child has appropriate **sunscreen applied** and continues to bring their **water bottle** to school to stay hydrated.



If your child had their photograph taken at school recently by Pret-a-Portrait, they will have received a unique code which can be used on the company's website to view and order their individual or class photos. Please use the following link [www.pret-a-portrait.net](http://www.pret-a-portrait.net) and the details shared on page 4 of this pathway to view and purchase the pictures.

## 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:

- **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](mailto:csmith@aaess.sch.ae) about the absence and reason.*

## Preschool learning:

### **Week beginning: Monday 21st April**

This week in math, we will explore the environment to find sets of items that we can use to create our own ABAB patterns. We will identify and correct any errors in our patterns and learn how to create more complex patterns, such as AAB, ABC, and ABCD, using the items we have found.

This week in Literacy, we will explore "Jack and the Beanstalk" using engaging props such as soft toys, puppets, and simple cutouts to act out the story. We will encourage each other to participate by joining in on key phrases such as "Fee-fi-fo-fum!" and "I'll climb the beanstalk!". We will also attempt to use our big and small voices to represent the giant and Jack, enhancing our phonics skills and expression.

In our drawing club this week, we will explore the rhyming story "The Rhyming Dust Bunnies," introducing key vocabulary words along with their meanings and corresponding actions. We will consistently revisit these three words and actions throughout the week to reinforce learning, ensuring that by the end, we can say the words while performing the actions. Our goal is to make language fun and engaging through interactive games and activities, while also sharing the vocabulary on our word wall to encourage play and exploration of language.

This week in Understanding the World, we will be engaging the children in a range of hands-on activities focused on the concept of pulling. They will have the opportunity to explore this idea through various interactive experiences. We are excited to see their curiosity and learning in action!

This week in Expressive Art and Design, we will be engaging with each other in a fun activity called "pitch matching" using the song "Incy Wincy Spider." We will start by singing the song together, demonstrating different pitches and incorporating hand motions to illustrate the spider's movements. We will have the opportunity to take turns singing, experimenting with various pitches, and even creating our versions of the song, all while we celebrate their efforts and progress!

## Preschool PE Days:

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

# Upcoming events



We would like to thank everyone for all the amazing garden signs we have received from the Preschool children. Your creativity and hard work have been amazing and we are extremely proud of all your efforts! Our primary parliament have chosen one of the signs to be made with Noah and Ms. Rebecca to be displayed in the garden. Well done everyone.



## Term 3 - Book Fair 3rd - 8th May

We will be hosting Term 3 book fair from Monday 5th - 8th May 2025.

## Values

# Respect



Inspired by the legacy of the founding father, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, we will focus on the value of **Respect** in Term 3.

Our expectations are that students will:

- Show respect for the thoughts and opinions of others
- Demonstrate respect for their friends, their families and all school staff
- Celebrate different skills, achievements and interests
- Speak appropriately when communicating with others

# School photo Orders:

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



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To access the photographs taken during their recent visit to school, Pret-a-Portrait has provided viewing cards for each student who had their photo taken. This includes their unique code and ordering details.

Please refer to the poster above for information about how to avail the discounted purchasing offer.

If you do have any queries or require any further information, please contact the Pret-a-Portrait customer service team by emailing [customerservice@pret-a-portrait.ae](mailto:customerservice@pret-a-portrait.ae) or calling 04 447 4601.

# This week in pictures:

