

Al Ain English Speaking School

Preschool Learning Pathway Weeks beginning: 23.6.25

Dear Parents,

Saying 'Thank you' on World Teacher's Day is a great way to recognise the commitment and dedication of our AAESS Teachers. One of the best ways to do this is to leave a message on the TAP - Thank and Praise Education Wall Education Thanking Wall. It is a free-to-use social thanking platform, which enables our students, parents and guardians to show their appreciation to all those working at our school.







As part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing the digital learning experience for our students and families, we will be transitioning to Microsoft Teams as our primary learning platform from the start of the next academic year.

To support you with this transition, we are pleased to invite you to an introductory training session designed to familiarise parents with the Microsoft Teams system. This session will provide an overview of how to navigate the platform, access learning resources, and support your child's learning at home. The session will take place on **Monday 23rd June** at **7:45** am – **9:00** am or **2: 2:45** pm – **3:45** pm.

It has been announced by ADEK that the Hijri New Year Holiday will be on Friday 27 June 2025. Therefore, school will be closed on this day Please be reminded that the last official school day for students this academic year is **Friday 4th July**. Academic lessons will continue with important learning still taking place up until this date.

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).

However, please be advised that from 3:00 pm on Friday 20th June until 6:00 am on Monday 23rd June, teachers will be unable to respond to emails while we complete the transition from Google to Microsoft.

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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 23rd June

This week in Phonics we will be focussing on the phoneme 't'. Through lively stories and our imaginative monster characters, we will explore words that begin with the 't' sound, such as "tiger," "table," and "turtle." We will engage in interactive activities and games designed to make learning engaging and enjoyable for our young learners. We invite you to reinforce this phoneme at home by encouraging your child to identify 't' words in books, during conversations, or even while out and about. You can turn it into a fun game by challenging them to find as many 't' words as they can in a day!

This week in math, we are excited to look at all the numbers 1-5 through challenging activities that promote problem-solving skills. We will embark on a number treasure hunt, where we will search for hidden numbered cards and arrange them in order. We will also tackle simple story problems that involve adding and comparing quantities, using manipulatives to visualise our solutions.

This week in literacy, we will be celebrating our favourite stories that we have learned throughout the year! We will take turns retelling these tales to our friends, using fun props and a microphone to make the experience even more engaging. This will enhance our storytelling skills, but also fosters creativity and confidence in sharing ideas.

This week in expressive art and design, we will be thinking of something special to create for one of our friends! By selecting various materials, we will bring our ideas to life, using all the new skills we have learned throughout the year. We will use our creativity, thoughtfulness, and collaboration as we work together to make meaningful gifts. We can't wait to see the unique creations we come up with!

This week in Drawing Club, we will continue our project by creating pictures of someone very special to us, which we will share with our new teachers in FS2.

Things to remember: This Wednesday 25th June will be our final swimming lesson with the PE department.

Preschool PE Days:

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

Upcoming events

Training Session Monday 23rd June

7:45 am - 9:00 am or 2: 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm.



You are invited to attend a microsoft teams introductory training session ready for our transition to this learning platform for the next academic year.

End of Term Friday 4th July

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

Our expectations are that students will:

- Be mindful towards the emotions, thoughts and experiences of others
- Share, help and cooperate with others
- Use positive language to encourage others
- Participate in charitable or community-led activities to support and help those in need
- Develop the capacity to forgive ourselves and others

This week in pictures:

