



# Al Ain English Speaking School

## Preschool Learning Pathway

### Week beginning: 29.9.25

Dear Parents,

Please use this [link](#) to view slides outlining the parent workshops taking place during Term 1 across the different key stages and departments.

If you have any suggestions for future workshops that you would find beneficial, we would love to hear from you.

Please email your ideas to [denise.grant@cognita.com](mailto:denise.grant@cognita.com).



To further promote our love of phonics and reading, the Year 1 children are invited to come to school on Friday 3rd October wearing one of the character's colours (For example: blue for Cool Blue, green for Green Froggy). [Monster Masks and Colouring Sheets](#)

## 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.

<b>Ms Lynda (PSA) - HOY</b> <a href="mailto:Lynda.mines@cognita.com">Lynda.mines@cognita.com</a>	<b>Ms Jess (PSB)</b> <a href="mailto:Jessica.larby@cognita.com">Jessica.larby@cognita.com</a>	<b>Ms Maddie (PSC)</b> <a href="mailto:Madeleine.box@cognita.com">Madeleine.box@cognita.com</a>
<b>Ms Romay (PSD)</b> <a href="mailto:Romay.barretto@cognita.com">Romay.barretto@cognita.com</a>	<b>Ms Vicky (PSE)</b> <a href="mailto:Vicky.sloan@cognita.com">Vicky.sloan@cognita.com</a>	<b>Ms Denise – Early Years Director</b> <a href="mailto:Denise.grant@cognita.com">Denise.grant@cognita.com</a>

# Important Information:

- Gates will open promptly at **7.05am** (Monday - Friday).
- Please be reminded that **arriving on time** each morning is **vital** to
- your child's **learning**. Gates close and lessons start **promptly at 7.40 am**.



- Pick up for Preschool is either **1.00pm** or **2.30pm** (Monday - Thursday)
- Pick up for Preschool is: **12pm** on a Friday.

## Preschool learning:

### **Week beginning: Monday 29th September 2025**

This week in phonics, we will continue exploring environmental sounds. We will be focusing on developing our listening skills and learning how to tell the difference between the many sounds we hear all around us. We will enjoy fun activities that help us tune in and notice the sounds in our everyday environment.

This week in literacy, we will be learning that print has meaning by exploring familiar logos, badges, and signs such as those from police, nurses, doctors, and vets. We will enjoy a daily story together, introducing new words with pictures and actions to build children's vocabulary. We will then revisit these words through discussion and play to help strengthen understanding and confidence.

This week in Math, we will review recognising numbers 1 to 5 and explore different ways to represent these numbers with different items, including natural materials in the environment. We will also play games, such as "Show me number " in which the children will act as the teacher and call out numbers for their friends to find and show, as we continue to identify numbers correctly.

This week in Understanding the World we will be exploring the roles of doctors and nurses through imaginative play. During Discovery Time, we'll set up a mini clinic with bandages, toy medical tools, and dress-up items to encourage role play. This activity will help the children learn about caring for others, develop empathy, and understand how people in our community help keep us healthy, all while building language and social skills in a fun, hands-on way.

In Expressive Art and Design we will continue with symbolic play and will be linking with Understanding the world, using open-ended materials and our creativity and imagination to create medical tools.

**Things to remember: Please continue to send in any empty boxes, tubes and any other containers that you are no longer using so that the children can use them to design their own creations. We also welcome big boxes! Thank you for your continues support.**



# This week in pictures:





## Monday and Friday

### Upcoming events:



To further promote our love of phonics and reading, the Year 1 children are invited to come to school on Friday 3rd October wearing one of the character's colours (For example: blue for Cool Blue, green for Green Froggy). [Monster Masks and Colouring Sheets](#)



### Book Fair

We are delighted to announce that Bookworm Book Fair will be at Al Ain English Speaking School from Monday 6th October to Friday 10th October.

## AAESS Values

### Respect



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

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