



Al Ain English Speaking School

Preschool Learning Pathway

Week beginning: 20.10.25

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you this week during the parent - teacher meetings and we would like to thank you for all your support during this first half term. It has been greatly appreciated, and we hope you are able to enjoy some time with your family during the mid-term break.



Thank you to everyone who visited the Bookworm Book Fair this week, we hope you enjoy reading and sharing your books.

Please be reminded that this term's **Mid-Term Break** will begin at **12pm** on **Friday 10th October**. School will resume after the break on **Monday 20th October**.

**Mid Term
Break**

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:

- 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 6.10. 2025

This week in Phonics we will continue focusing on Phase 1, Aspect 2: instrumental sounds. We will develop our listening and coordination skills by stopping and starting an instrument in response to a signal. We will also explore playing instruments independently to follow and maintain a steady rhythm.

This week in Literacy, we will be introducing the main hook for our exciting Talk for Writing story, which will be revealed after the mid-term break so watch this space! We will begin our personal journey into storytelling by learning to retell a story using actions and key vocabulary. We will continue to build confidence in expressing ideas through words and movement.

This week in Math we will be taking a counting walk around the playground to count different things that we see, such as tricycles and chickens. We will also work in groups to find five leaves or five wood chips as we walk around. We will play with numbered dice to recognise and match numbers on the dice with the correct amount of magnets.

This week in Understanding the World we will be learning all about planting. We'll get to plant our own seeds and discover how to care for them, making sure they have enough water, sunlight, and attention to help them grow.

This week in Expressive Art and Design, we will be exploring different textures (how something feels) and learning how to join them together! We will discover that some textures feel **soft**, like cotton balls, and some feel **hard**, like a bouncy ball. We'll explore **rough** materials such as sandpaper, **bumpy** things like bubble wrap, and **smooth** things like plastic. We will also explore things that are **wet** and **dry**, like a damp sponge and a dry one. During Discovery time, we will touch, feel, and sort lots of different textures. We will make a fun collage using liquid glue and textured materials, while labeling what we explore through touch, and learn lots of new texture words together!

This week in pictures:



Monday and Friday

Upcoming events:

EYFS SHARING DAY

- Friday 21st November – Pre-School 11.15am
- As part of our 'Build It Big' topic, we would like to invite you to view the children's work of their mini Al Ain.

We also warmly invite you to visit the classrooms if you have any questions about the Early Years curriculum. Our teachers will be delighted to talk you through the different areas of learning and show how your child learns and grows each day.

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