



Al Ain English Speaking School

Preschool Learning Pathway

Week beginning: 27.10.25

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have had a good mid-term break with your family and it has been lovely to see the children settle quickly back into their daily classroom routines and learning after the mid-term break.



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.



In recognition of **Flag Day**, students are invited to bring their own UAE flag to school on **Monday 3rd November**.



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:

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This week in Expressive Arts and Design, we will be exploring the different techniques we can use to join a variety of materials together using glue, tape, string, and more. As a challenge, we will learn how to use staplers, hole punches, split pins, and pipe cleaners to attach card and paper. We will encourage each other to invent and build our own creations while learning about textures and developing important construction skills.

This week in Understanding the World, we will continue exploring how plants grow by caring for the seeds we planted earlier. We will have the opportunity to observe changes in our plants and talk about what we notice. We will practice naming the different parts of a plant, such as the roots, stem, leaves, and flower, through hands-on activities, songs, and stories to help reinforce our learning.

This week in Math, we will continue to review linking numerals and amounts as we participate in various number activities. The children will use number cards to place the correct number of friends into a circle each time. We will also use building blocks to build homes for animals, using number cards to show us how many animals are allowed to live in a home.

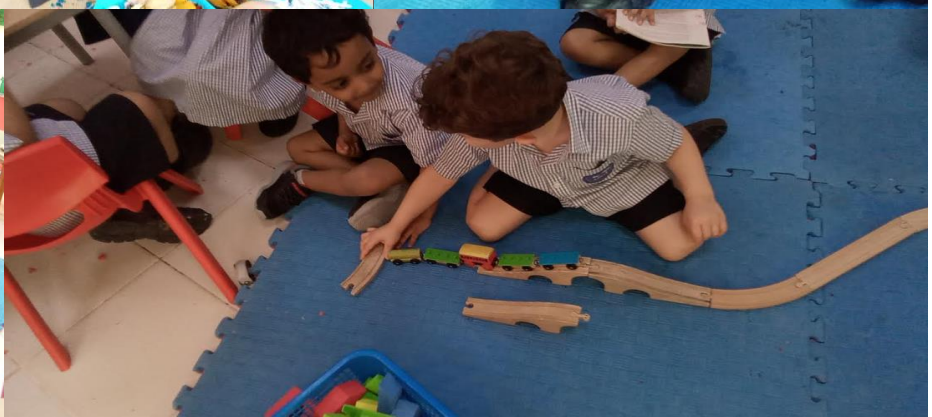
This week in Monster Phonics, we're moving on to Aspect 3, Body Percussion! We will be having lots of fun using different parts of our bodies to make new and exciting sounds from clapping and stamping to tapping and clicking! We will also be listening carefully to discover which body parts make each sound as we continue to build our early listening and phonics skills.

This week in Literacy, we're diving into our first Talk for Writing story, 'The Two Little Hamsters and the Big Bad Cat!' We will be having lots of fun creating our own story map with pictures, simple words, and actions to help us remember and retell the story. As we explore the text together, we'll begin to understand that print can be used in different ways: to tell us a story, give us an instruction, or share information.

In Drawing Club this week, we'll be sketching our very own Big Bad Cat from the story! We will have fun talking about what he looks like, what he can do, and even dreaming up our own ideas about him. Drawing Club is all about using our imagination, growing our vocabulary, and practising those lovely long sentences as we chat and share our ideas. You can help your child build this skill at home by encouraging them to talk about their drawings and asking simple questions like, "Who is in your picture?" or "What's happening here?" You could even take a short video of them explaining their masterpiece and send it to us. We love sharing these special moments in class!

Things to remember: Please can you send into school any unwanted egg cartons, preferably the cardboard type, so that we can continue to plant our seeds. Thank you for your continued support!

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