



Al Ain English Speaking School

Preschool Learning Pathway

Week beginning: 10.11.25

Dear Parents,

On Monday, we celebrated Flag Day, and it was lovely to see the children enthusiastically and respectfully waving their flags. Thank you for supporting this event and sharing videos of children celebrating this at home. It was wonderful to share these clips with their peers.



Our **Kindness** and **Anti-Bullying Week** is scheduled for this week and each day the students will have an opportunity to take part in a range of activities to respect each other, celebrate their uniqueness and show kindness towards others.

This year's theme is 'Power for Good' and is aimed at empowering us all to speak out, support others, and build a world where kindness wins. The week will start with the children being invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday 10th 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:

Week beginning: Monday 27. 10. 2025

This week in Expressive Art and Design, we will continue building our imaginative small world projects, using a variety of joining methods to connect different recyclable materials while learning about the primary colours and exploring the magic of colour mixing, predicting and experimenting.

This week in Math, we will continue counting objects while learning that the last number reached when counting tells us how many there are in total. We will use the story "1, 2, 3 to the Zoo" to count the animals at the zoo, as we place emphasis on the last number counted, to get the total. We will also pretend to be bus drivers picking up our friends for school, and count how many children get onto the bus each time, to see how many there are in total.

This week in phonics, we will be moving onto aspect 4, **rhythm and rhyme** through our Monster Phonics activities. We will be learning to listen carefully for rhyming words, talk about words that rhyme, and even create our own rhyming pairs through fun games and songs. We will clap, tap, sing, and play with sounds as we build our awareness of rhyme and rhythm in speech!

This week in literacy, we are acting out the story with the two houses! Each day, we will revisit our story map and encourage each other to recall details like who built the first house, what it was made of, and who wanted to come inside. Using large cardboard boxes, we'll create our own hamster houses; a stick house and a brick house. We will act out the story together, taking turns to be the hamsters and the big bad cat while using full sentences and descriptive language to bring the story to life!

This week in understanding the world, we will be exploring the life cycle of a caterpillar through revisiting story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. We will discover how a tiny egg transforms into a caterpillar, then into a chrysalis, and finally emerges as a beautiful butterfly. Through storytelling, hands-on activities, crafts, and movement games, we will learn about growth, change, and the wonders of nature.

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

Tolerance



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

Our expectations are that students will:

- Show respect for the thoughts and opinions of others
- Understand that we are all unique and have something valuable to offer
- Accept and appreciate differences
- Understand and support each other if mistakes are made

Upcoming events.

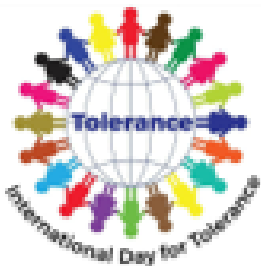
Anti-bullying Week 10th - 14th November



Monday 10th November - Odd socks day!

Children can wear their favourite odd socks to school as part of their school uniform for the day.

Wednesday 12th November - Kindness day!



Friday 14th November - Day of Tolerance!

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025

POWER FOR GOOD

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK
Monday 10th - Friday 14th November

Odd Socks Day Monday 10th November

Thursday 13th November **World Kindness Day**

Friday 14th November

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

The poster is a dark blue rectangle with yellow and white text and graphics. At the top left is a yellow lightning bolt. In the center, the text "ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025" is in large yellow letters. Below it, "POWER FOR GOOD" is in white, with "FOR" in smaller letters. Underneath is "#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK" and "Monday 10th - Friday 14th November". On the right, three yellow arrows point left, each containing a logo and date: "Odd Socks Day" with a sock logo for Monday 10th, "World Kindness Day" with a globe logo for Thursday 13th, and a globe logo for Friday 14th. At the bottom left is a yellow lightning bolt, and at the bottom right is a white hand-drawn figure. The "ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE" logo is at the bottom center.

Our 3 Golden Rules

As we will be spending this week promoting Kindness, it is a great opportunity to revisit and discuss the importance of following our three school rules.

We encourage you to talk with your child about what these rules look like in action, both at school and at home, and how kindness can be shown through everyday choices and interactions.

Our School Rules: Kind, Respectful and Ready

Our school community thrives on three core values.

We are kind, we show respect, and we are ready to learn together.



Kind Words, Hands and Feet

We use gentle language and actions with everyone.



Good Friendship

We share ideas, equipment, and support each other.



Being Helpful

We tidy up after ourselves and help others.



Looking After Others

We speak up for others and care for their feelings.

Our 3 Golden Rules (continued)



We Are Ready

1

Try Our Best

We always give our best effort in everything.

2

Ask for Help

We seek support when we need it.

3

Follow Instructions

We listen and respond the first time.

4

Stay Clean and Tidy

We keep ourselves neat and organised.



We Show Respect



Listen Carefully

We appreciate others' ideas and opinions thoughtfully.



Use Good Manners

We are polite and treat belongings with care.



Take Turns

We share fairly and think before acting.



Care for Equipment

We handle books and materials responsibly.

Thank you for your continued support.

This week in pictures:

