



Al Ain English Speaking School

Preschool Learning Pathway

Week beginning: 17.11.25

Dear Parents,

We are very much looking forward to celebrating the **54th National Day** with our students and their families in school on **Thursday 27th November**. School will be open as normal from 7:30am-2:30pm on the day, with parents and families being invited in to join the celebrations between 9:00am-12:00pm. Further information regarding National Day at AAESS will be shared with parents over the next few days



Please be reminded that on National Day, the children are encouraged to wear National Day clothing, traditional clothing, or the colours of the UAE (Red, Black, White, Green) for the day.



It has been great to see various activities happening this week, during our kindness and anti-bullying week. As always, the children have been creative with their odd socks worn on Monday, shared top tips on how to show kindness as well as spreading random acts of kindness to friends and staff across the school.

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 17. 11. 2025

This week in Literacy, we will practice retelling our story using actions and expressions to bring it to life. We will also introduce the microphone to help each other build confidence and speak clearly as we review our vocabulary words with picture prompts, discussing their meanings together. We will then take the story outside, using the teepee and wooden playhouse to represent the house of sticks and the house of bricks for some hands-on storytelling fun. In addition, we will be learning that print has different purposes by following instructions and carrying out the Walking Water experiment.

This week in Drawing Club, we will read the story Owl Babies and talk about the different emotions the owls might be feeling and why. We will then have a go at drawing one of the owl babies showing an emotion, such as happy, sad, or scared, and discuss what might make them feel that way.

This week in Phonics, we will continue on Aspect 4: Rhythm and Rhyme, enjoying songs, rhymes, and stories to help us hear and identify patterns in words as we build early phonological awareness.

This week in Expressive Art and Design we will be creating vibrant UAE National Day crafts to celebrate the upcoming National Day. We will apply the joining techniques that we have been learning to make colorful streamers, that we will then use to dance and wave to music, developing our large muscle movements in a fun and engaging way.

This week in Math we will be learning to subitise, that is, to recognise up to two objects in a set without having to count them individually. We will look at what the caterpillar ate in the story "The Very hungry Caterpillar," to see if we can recognise up to two items on different pages, without counting them.

This week in Understanding the World, we will continue exploring the butterfly's life cycle, with a focus on the movements and actions in the song Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf. Through music and role play, children will deepen their understanding of early life stages while developing coordination and expressive skills.

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

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.

National Day

We are delighted to invite you to celebrate National Day this year at AAESS with your child/ren on **Thursday 27th November**. This event will take place **from 9:00am to 12:00pm** and a programme of events scheduled for the day will be share soon.

Please save the date to ensure you can celebrate with us.



Our Primary Winter Concerts will take place between the 24th - 26th November.

Further details will be shared with you shortly.