



# Al Ain English Speaking School

## Preschool Learning Pathway

### Week beginning: 1.12.25

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our National Day event yesterday. We are incredibly proud of all the children who performed and grateful to all who helped with the planning and preparations for the event.



We would like to wish you and your families a peaceful Eid al Etihad and trust you will have a restful and enjoyable 54th National Day holiday. Please be reminded that school will be **closed Monday 1st December and Tuesday 2nd December**. School will resume as normal from **Wednesday 3rd December**.

Term 1 ends on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** and Term 2 will commence on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.



## 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 1st December 2025

This week in Phonics, we will enjoy all the different sounds and rhythms we have learned so far, from environmental and instrumental sounds to body percussion and rhyme. We will have lots of fun using these skills through playful and engaging activities ready for moving forward onto our new aspect after the Winter break.

This week in Literacy, we will explore a selection of storybooks alongside the instruction cards from our previous activities, such as making giant bubbles, slime, and walking water. We will help each other to sort and recognise the difference between a story and an instruction, then attempt to recall one of the key steps from the instruction cards.

This week in Math we will be reviewing counting and matching the right number of objects to the correct numeral. We will practise counting small sets of objects and say how many we counted in total. The children will have more opportunities to review subitising by looking at amounts of objects up to 2 and saying how many they see.

This week in Expressive Art and Design we will be diving into winter fun! We will whip up magical puffy paint by mixing shaving foam and white paint to make our very own snowman. Then, we will get creative by choosing colorful buttons, scarves, hats, and more to bring our frosty friend to life!

This week in Understanding the World, we will be exploring and reviewing the concept of life cycles, focusing on both plants and butterflies. We will revisit how a tiny seed grows into a flowering plant and how a caterpillar transforms into a butterfly, making connections between the two processes. Through videos, sequencing activities, and movement-based role play, we will have opportunities to recall the stages, use key vocabulary such as seed, sprout, flower, caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly, and demonstrate our understanding in creative ways.

**Things to remember: Friday 5th December will be the last day of term 1. Please can you return your child's plastic folder to your class teacher if you have not done so already. Thank you for your support.**



# This week in pictures:





## Monday and Friday

### Upcoming events:



- The final day of Term 1 will be Thursday, 5 December.
- School will resume for Term 2 on Monday, 5 January 2026.

We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable holiday break.

### 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