



Al Ain English Speaking School

Preschool Learning Pathway

Week beginning: 16.02.26

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have a lovely mid-term break and look forward to welcoming you back for a new half term starting on **Monday 16th February**.



During the holy month, as per MOE and ADEK guidance, the school day timings will be shortened. We will communicate the exact timings of our school day as soon as they have been confirmed. However, during this time children will go straight to their classrooms where their teachers will be there to welcome them.



On **Tuesday, 17 February 2026**, we will be launching our **Voice of the Parent Survey**. This survey is a vital opportunity for you to share your views on your child's experience at AAESS and to help shape the future direction of our school.

We strongly encourage all parents to take part in the survey. Your voice plays an important role in shaping AAESS, and we are grateful for the time and care you take to share your feedback with us.

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: **11:30am** on a Friday.

Preschool learning:

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This week in Phonics, we will be focusing on **Aspect 6: Voice Sounds**, giving the children lots of opportunities to explore and play with their voices. Through stories, games, and imaginative activities, the children will experiment with using loud, quiet, fast, slow, high, and low voices.

This week in literacy, we will be starting our new book *Whatever Next!* Together, we'll look closely at the front cover, talk about what we can see, and make predictions about what might happen in the story. Then we'll read the book as a class, enjoying the rhythm, repetition, and imaginative journey it takes us on.

In Maths this week, we will begin by sequencing the steps needed to make playdough. We'll gather all the ingredients and use sequencing vocabulary alongside picture cards to show each stage of the process. As we complete each step, we will place the matching word and image on the board, helping the children understand the order of events.

In Understanding the World this week, we will be exploring how things work through our story *Whatever Next!* The children will think about what Baby Bear did and imagine him playing with a toy car. They will experiment with making the car move forward and backward, working in pairs or small groups. As they play, they'll talk about how they are moving the cars and use the correct vocabulary to describe what they see.

In EAD this week, we will be exploring how to show different emotions in our drawings and paintings. After introducing our new story, the children will learn to draw a simple head and neck outline. We'll look at pictures of different emotions and talk about how our eyes, mouths, and faces change when we feel certain ways. This will help the children think about and express their own feelings through their artwork.

This week in pictures:



Monday and Friday

Upcoming events:

Cosmic Dome Experience:

Wednesday 18h February.



مرحبًا بكم طلابي الأحرار... عودًا حميدًا وعامًا سعيدًا مُكلَّلًا بالنجاحات وتحقيق الأمنيات.... هيا بنا نحو إطلالة سريعة على أعمالنا هذا الأسبوع

أهم النقاط التي سيتم العمل عليها مع أطفالنا خلال هذا الأسبوع، وذلك ضمن محور الطبيعة

سنتابع التعرف على حيوانات المزرعة، وهي (ماعز - خروف - بقرة - حصان - كلب - قطة - ديك - دجاجة)

سيتم العمل على

التعرف على أسماء حيوانات المزرعة
ربط اسم الحيوان بالصوت الذي تبدأ به الكلمة
الاستماع إلى أصوات الحيوانات والتمييز بينها
التعرف على أنواع الطعام التي تتغذى عليها حيوانات المزرعة
تنفيذ أنشطة فنية وحسية بسيطة مرتبطة بالموضوع

نهدف من خلال هذه الأنشطة إلى تنمية مهارات الأطفال اللغوية والسمعية، وتعزيز حب الاستكشاف والتعلم من خلال اللعب

نشكر تعاونكم الدائم
ونتمنى لأطفالنا أسبوعًا مليئًا بالتعلم والمتعة

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AAESS Values

Resilience



Inspired by the legacy of the founding father, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan AL Nahyan and in line with British Values, we will focus on the value of Resilience in Term 2.

Our expectations are that students will:

- Develop strategies to persevere
- Have a 'can do' approach to problem solving and new learning
- Develop a positive and optimistic mindset
- Learn how to be more adaptable and flexible when faced with a problem