Al Ain English Speaking School

Year 1 Learning Pathway

Week beginning: 16.11.26

Dear Parents,



Lost property will be outside the EYFS and KS1 gates from Monday afternoon until Friday.
Please take a few moments to check for any belongings that your child may have misplace and collect them before the end of the week.

This week at AAESS, we will be celebrating Kindness Week, a special time where we can focus on being friendly, helpful, and caring to everyone around us. Throughout the week, the children will complete a range of kindness-themed activities. This year's theme is 'Break the silence' and is aimed at encouraging us to speak up, listen and take action together to create a kinder world.





To start Kindness Week, the children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks on **Monday 16th November**. This is to reinforce individuality and to celebrate our differences.

From Term 2, we will be encouraging children to say goodbye to parents inside the blue gate and walk to their classrooms on their own. This has worked well before. It builds children's independence and confidence. It also eases congestion in the car park, because drop-off is much quicker.
If you currently accompany your child to the classroom, we encourage you to begin preparing them for this change in routine.





School Photos are ready! The links are now live for you to view and purchase your child's school photos. Please see the poster on the next page for more information.

School Photo Orders



Your child should have brought home a viewing card today with details about how to view the individual and class photos taken by Pret-a-Portrait. Please click on the link below for details about how to view and order copies.

Guide to Viewing and Ordering.pdf

Should you have any queries or have lost the Sitting ID, please contact the customer service team directly by emailing customerservice@pret-a-portrait.ae or calling +971 (0)4 4474601

Parent Lanyards

Please be reminded that parents or carers of children in Primary will need to wear their permanent access pass to enter the school site and drop off or collect their children.

If you have not yet got your Yellow Lanyard, please complete the link below by 12th October

[Parent / Guardian Lanyard Request Form – Fill out form]







Contacting Year 1 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. Please bear in mind that they will be teaching or in meetings during the school day (7.30am - 2.30pm) so will not be able to respond straight away.

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Important Information

- Gates will open promptly at **7.05am** (Monday - Friday).
- The National Anthem will play at **7.30am** every day.
- Lessons will start promptly at **7:40am**
- Pick up for Year 1 is: **2.30pm** (Monday - Thursday) or **3.20pm** (After ECAs).
- Pick up for Y1 is: **11:30am** on a Friday.

Our AAESS Values Focus

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.

Year 1 Learning this week

Week beginning: Monday 16th November 2026

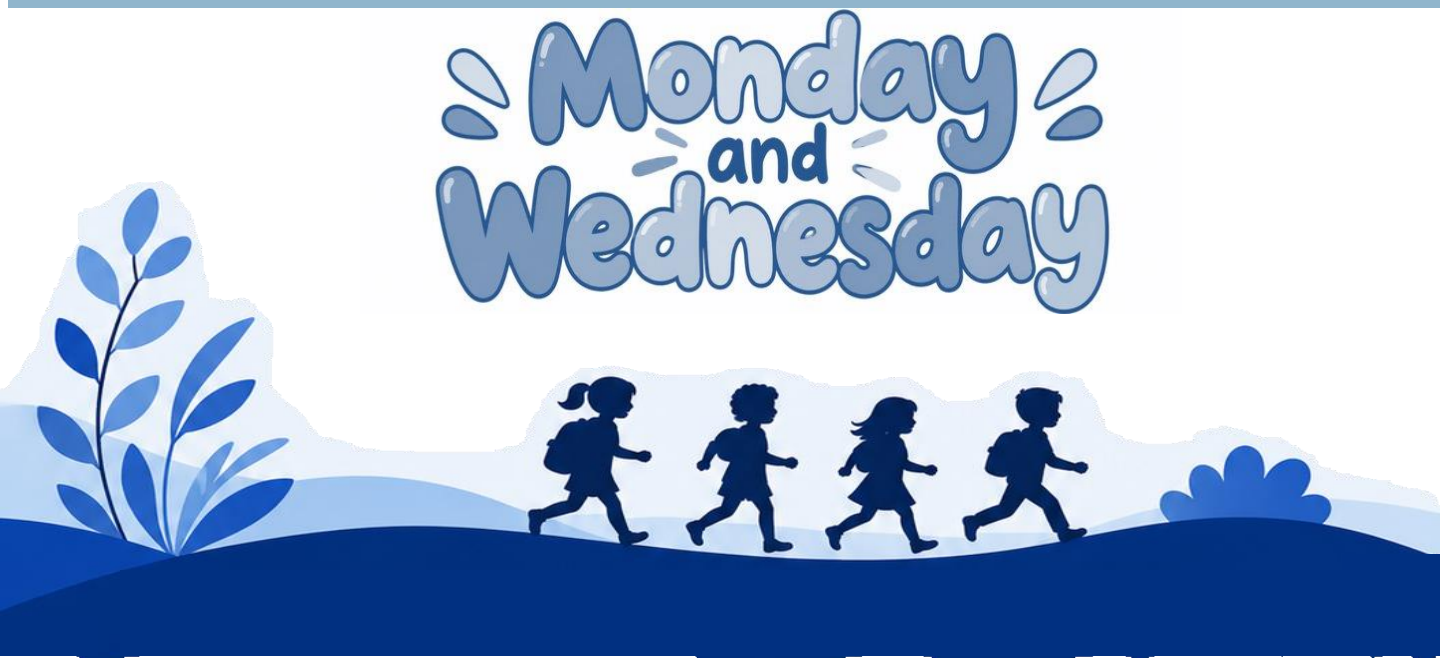
This week in phonics, we will learn our digraphs, ure as in cure (Tricky), oo as in tool (cool blue), oo as in look (Tricky) and we will end the week recapping these diagraphs . We will be learning to identify, form and read words using these, as well as challenging ourselves to write the sounds in words and sentences.

In English, we will begin to look at poetry. We will begin the week by learning how to identify different rhyming words and how we know them. We will then practice using rhyming words and matching them to their rhyming pairs. We will end the week by writing our own rhyming words.

In maths, we will start by looking at the days of the week and sorting them in to the correct order. Towards the end of the week, we will begin our 'time' topic where the children will explore telling the time to the hour.

In science we will continue learning about materials and we will look at the properties of different materials. We will begin to identify physical properties of everyday objects we may use. We will look at objects that are waterproof, stretchy and transparent.

Our PE Days



Home Learning Links

Please feel free to use the resources shared in the link below to access and review the learning your child completed last week in school.

Year 1 - Week 10 Learning Review

Upcoming Events

Monday 16th-20th November
Kindness Week

AAESS Kindness Week is a special time where we can focus on being friendly, helpful, and caring to everyone around us.



Friday 27th November
National Day Celebrations

AAESS will be celebrating National Day this year on Friday 27th November. Please save the date to ensure you can celebrate with us.



Monday 30th November
UAE Commemoration Day

UAE Commemoration Day, a national occasion in the UAE that pays tribute to Emirati soldiers and civilians who sacrificed their lives in service to the nation



WB - Monday 8th December
Winter Concert

Our Primary Winter Concerts will be held during the week of Monday 8th December.
Further details will be shared with you shortly.



Student Health and Wellbeing

At Al Ain English Speaking School, we want every child to feel happy, energised, and ready to learn. This guide supports families in preparing safe, balanced lunchboxes that meet the ADEK School Food and Nutrition Policy and the Abu Dhabi Guideline for Unified School Nutrition and Food Safety.



ADEK_Food_and_Nutrition-Policy

⚠ Please be reminded that to protect the safety of **ALL** students, nuts and nut products are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** on school premises.

Transportation Contact Details

For any queries or assistance related to bus routes, pick-up/drop-off arrangements, transportation concerns, or other transport-related matters, please contact:

English Communication
Mr. Rintu – Parent Relations Executive 055 231 7780
Arabic Communication
Mrs.Amna- Transport Team 055 231 7674

Enrich ME Weekly Insights

Dear Families,

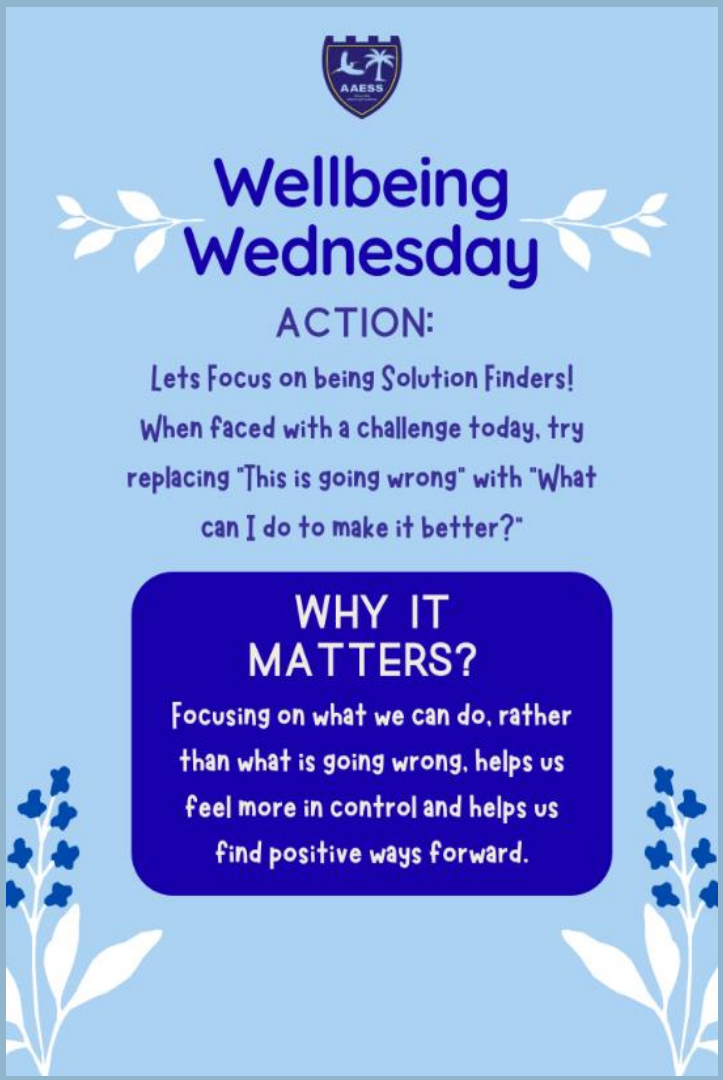
We're pleased to share the latest **Enrich ME Insights** for Al Ain English Speaking School. The page gives families an easy way to **find out more about Enrich ME, understand our programmes and discover the enrichment opportunities available to your child**.
Within Insights, you can learn more about the different activities and development pathways, see current opportunities and trials, explore upcoming camps and experiences, and find the information you need to book.
Should you have a specific question, our specialist Enrich ME teams can support you with enquiries relating to **sport, aquatics, performing arts, music, camps and other enrichment programmes**.
For more general Enrich ME questions, our Experience Team can help connect you with the right person.

Explore AAESS Enrich ME Insights:
https://aaessinsights.lovable.app

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We hope you enjoy exploring everything Enrich ME has to offer.
Best wishes,
Enrich ME

Student Health and Wellbeing



Arabic 1

هيّا بنا نحو إطلالة سريعة على أعمالنا هذا الأسبوع ...مرحبًا بكم طلّابي الأحبّاء
سنتعرف هذا الأسبوع على حرف التّاء
الأصوات القصيرة والأصوات الطّويلة -أشكال حرف التّاء
(صناعة تاج بالورق الملوّن) الابتكار لحرف التّاء نشاط
حرف التّاء
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ملحوظة: يسرّ مدرستنا الإعلان عن انطلاق مسابقة جائزة علي بن حرمل التّربوية للعام الأكاديمي 2026-2027-
رابط كتيب مسابقة علي بن حرمل

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Arabic 2

Let's take a quick look at our work this week:

This week the students will learn about a new letter:(ت)

Lesson 1: first day, We will learn the new letter and how to pronounce it.

Lesson 2: second day, We will learn about the forms of the letter (initial, medial, final) in the word, and separately.

Lesson 3: Third day, We will learn about the sounds of the short vowels (َ , ُ , ِ)

Lesson 4: Fourth day, We will learn about the sounds of the long vowels (ا, و, ي)

Lesson 5: Friday activity

Lessons links

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Islamic 1

طُلابنا الأحباء
السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ.
فِي هَذَا الْأُسْبُوعِ، سَنَتَعرفُ معًا عَلى دَرْس الاحتِرام
سَنَتَمَكَّنُ مِنْ
اِلتَّعَرُّفِ عَلَى مَفْهُومِ الِاحْتِرَام.
التمييز بيْنَ التَّصَرُّفِ المُحْتَرَمِ وَالتَّصَرُّفِ غَيْرِ المُحْتَرَمِ.

ندعو الأهالي الراغبين بمشاركة أبنائهم في مسابقة القرآن الكريم إلى تسجيلهم، وتشجيعهم على خوض هذه التجربة الإيمانية المباركة
للتفاصيل من هنا

وَيَسُرُّنَا تَوَاصُلُكُمْ مَعَنَا خِلَالَ أَوْقَاتِ الدَّوَامِ الرَّسْمِيِّ، عَبْرَ عَنَاوِينِ الْبَرِيدِ الْإِلِكْتُرُونِيِّ التَّالِيَةِ

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Islamic 2

As-salamu alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh,
Our lesson for this week is **“Respect (Islamic Manners of Respect).”**
The students will be able to:

- Understand the meaning of respect in Islam.
- Learn to respect parents, teachers, elders, and friends.
- Understand the importance of using kind and polite words.
- Learn to listen when others are speaking and avoid interrupting them.
- Understand that we should respect others' feelings and differences.
- Apply the manners of respect in their daily lives.

[The lesson link.]

- **Note: The Rabi’ Al-Qulub Competition (Qur’an Competition)**
- has started this year! We encourage our students to take part in this meaningful competition. All the details can be found in this link.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via the email address if you have any questions.
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This week in pictures


















Strong foundations. Bright futures.