

Aspen Heights British School Newsletter



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Dear families,

Taylor the Tortoise

This week the children were introduced to their first ever 'mantle of the expert' problem, where they were asked to solve a problem in role. They met my friend Sophie who was in a real predicament;

Healthy lifestyles

Following the success of last term's active week we have continued the wake and shake on 'Move it Monday' and 'Thrilling Thursday'- thank you

she has to leave the UAE and she cannot take her pet tortoise with her! We explored many alternative solutions for her and her family, and eventually Oliver in Year 5 suggested that we might have the resources to look after a tortoise in our school. The children have spent part of this week researching what a tortoise eats, how often, what their habitat needs to be like, and they have convinced me that we have the environment and resources, and are sufficiently organised and caring to look after Taylor the tortoise. He is being brought to the school over the weekend- look out for photographs of our first school pet in next week's newsletter!

for joining in with our morning activity. Children have been continuing to run the Aspen track and have added another 89.55 kilometres onto our total. We have travelled the distance to Sharjah, Um al Qwain, and we are on our way to Ras Al Khaimah! Adek have informed us that our school nurse needs to collect height and weight information from every child in the school. This will be happening over next week. Please see Ms Wafaa our school nurse if you have any questions about this.



Citizenship and Sustainability week

Next week is our citizenship and sustainability week when we will explore how we can be better citizens in our school, our community, and the UAE. Being respectful and sensitive guardians of our planet is an aspect we will be exploring. We are holding a family workshop exploring issues surrounding bullying; what we do in school to prevent this happening, and how you can support at home building tolerance and resilience in your children. We look forward to seeing many of you after assembly next Thursday to attend our first family

Fun with Numbers!

Wednesday 17th January

2.30-3.30 pm

Please come to have fun and number games with your children after school on Wednesday. Each ticket is 20aed and you have 5 number games, fruit, pizza and juice. We look forward to seeing many of you at our first

**Fun with Numbers Aspen Heights British School
17th January 2018**

Want something to do after school?

Come to AHBS on **Wednesday 17th January 2018, 2:30-3:30 PM** and have fun with your children!!



20 AED including Family Number Fun, Pizza, Drink & Fruit snack.

Please note this is a family activity for children and families.

No unaccompanied children please!

Employment opportunities:

As a busy and expanding community school we have new job opportunities for suitably qualified candidates:

Learning Assistant- We have a vacancy for a learning assistant to support in all aspects of supporting children's learning in school. Please send your CV to hr@ahbs.ae if you are interested in being considered for this role

We hope you have an enjoyable and restful weekend with your family,

Kind regards,

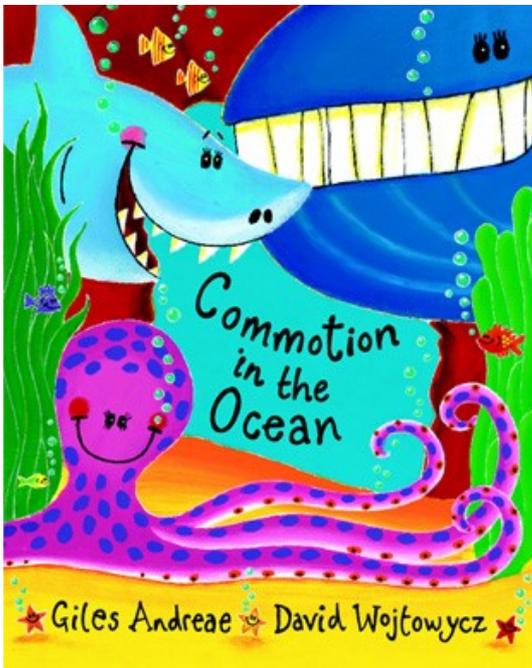
Mrs. Emma Shanahan

Principal Aspen Heights British School

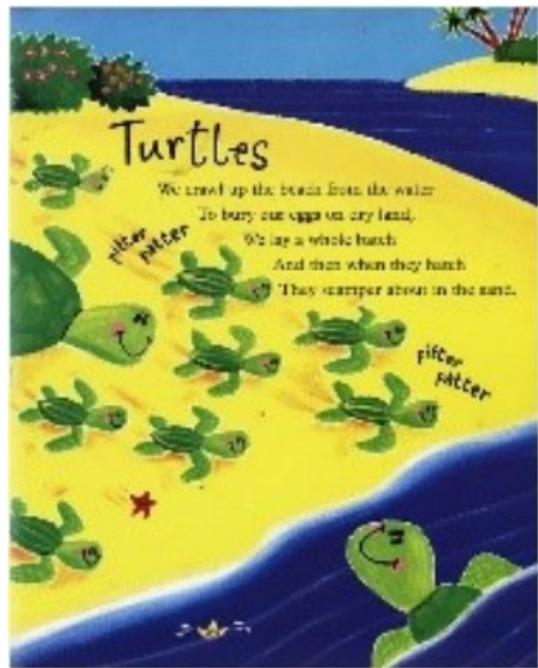
FS1 Butterflies

A warm welcome back to all the Butterflies and their parents. We started our week with a circle time activity talking about our new year goals. We were all very excited and came up with lots of ideas such as being kind, helping our new

friends, taking turns and speaking in English. Also, we discussed what food we could feed our new pet tortoise in Aspen Heights British School. The children drew some healthy fruits and veggies for 'Taylor'.



In Literacy, we read the story 'Commotion in the Ocean' written by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz.



It is an interesting story with sea creatures making commotion under the sea with their movement, fun swimming and hiding in the seaweed.



The children loved the role play area and the 'gelli baff fish pond' as it got them thinking about our new topic which is 'Commotion in the Ocean'. The children tried really hard to catch the slippery fish and count them.



Another exciting surprise was the outdoor area redesigned and filled with more activities to explore. The children have been artists, drummers and some courageous movers balancing on planting pots.



It has been a great fun start with our little creative minds in Butterflies.

FS1 Geckoes

It has been a great first week back in Gecko Class and we really enjoyed telling each other what fun things we had done over the holidays.

This half term we are starting a new exciting topic of 'Commotion in the Ocean', learning all about under the sea.



On Sunday we were left a mysterious package in our classroom. When we opened it, it was a letter from a deep sea diver named Dougal. He said he needed our help to investigate different things we had found on his diving mission. He sent us two photos of mysterious looking flowers and a big shell. We had fun researching the photos and found out they were sea animals and coral. We also looked at what kind of creature would have lived in the shell.



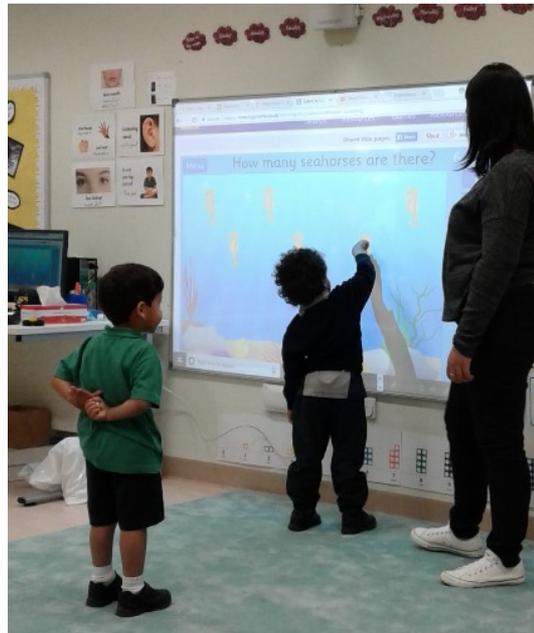
In maths we have been working hard on counting. We caught fish in a net and counted how many we had caught. We also checked our friend's nets to see how many they had.



In phonics we began to work on alliteration, recognising when words start with the same sound, like sand and snake. We also made lots of funny faces and practised moving our mouths in different ways.

In literacy we learnt a poem all about crabs, and about how they like to walk sideways! We then made our own crab painting with handprints. We also made some fantastic jellyfish art to display with our crabs.

We look forward to another exciting week next week, and maybe Dougal will leave us another letter!



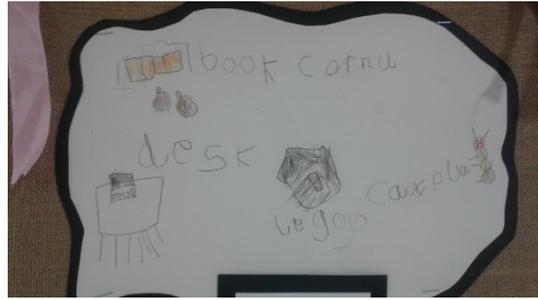


FS2 Bulbuls

Ahoy there Bulbuls! Hope you had a lovely winter break. Our new topic for this half term is Pirates! You have already been exploring our role play area which has turned into a pirate ship. You have been acting as pirates and creating your stories using the props.



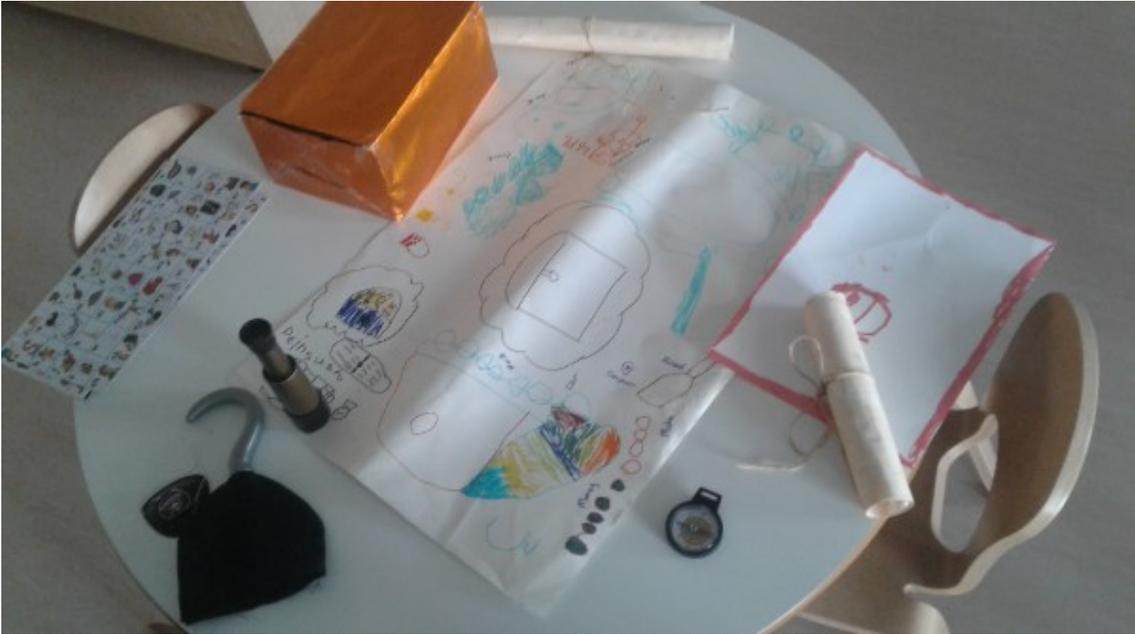
Pirate Pete left us a treasure chest to keep safe. Bulbuls have made maps of the classroom and have marked an 'x' where they would like to hide the chest.



In Maths we have been learning to share objects equally. Two pirates found a treasure chest with gold coins in. You have enjoyed sharing the coins out equally so they both had the same amount.



FS2 Doves



A pirate came to our school!

A pirate came into our classroom when we were out and left us a treasure map and a treasure chest with a letter inside. He has asked us to help him find treasure. We have been planning what treasure we can make and we have made treasure maps of our own then got a friend to follow the directions. Additionally, the children have had a lot of fun going on pirate adventures of their own. We can't wait to make things for Pirate Sam.



Share some experiences of following directions

with your child, this could be using google maps or getting to a particular store in a mall. Help your child think about what kind of treasure they could make e.g. jewellery, special artefacts.



We are really pleased with how well the children have settled back in and their positive attitude towards their learning and the treasure chest discovery.

Year 1 Hares



What a fun and busy first week back in Year 1!

In Mathematics this week we have been learning how to find 10 more and 10 less than any number as well as learning about the place value of 2 digit numbers.



During our English lessons, we have been reading seaside/beach poetry and using adjectives and alliteration to write our own poems.



The children found our first Science lesson of the term very interesting as they were learning about different animal groups such as amphibians, lizards, mammals, fish, birds and insects.

On Tuesday we had our beach day to launch our new topic. Thank you to those parents who remembered to send the children to school in their beach clothes. It was a fun afternoon as we painted beach pictures, sketched seaside animals and had a sandcastle building competition.



Year 2 Oryx

Year 2 Oryx were all excited and enthusiastic about being back at school and meeting their new teacher, Miss Rani. They have had a super first week back! Our topic for this term is fairy-tales and the children have enjoyed talking about their favourite story.

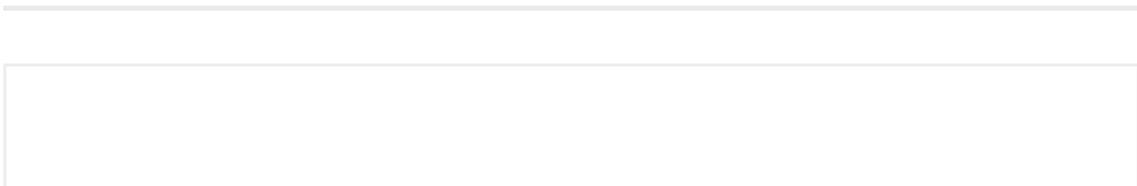


In English, we have begun to look at the story of Aladdin. We can retell the beginning of the story using our actions and our class story map. This week, we are focussing on the use of adjectives to describe Aladdin.

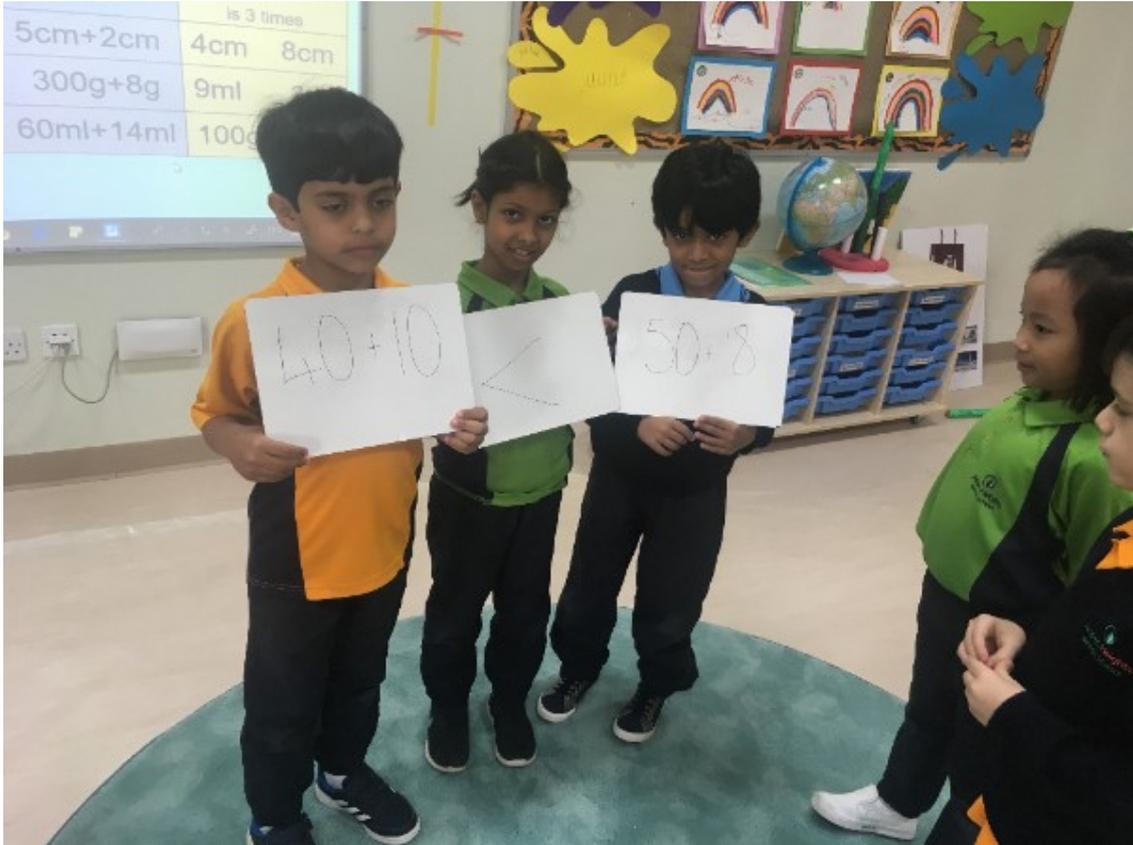
In Mathematics, we have been recognising the place value of two-digit numbers. The children have enjoyed using number fans to make different two-digit numbers.



This week, we have also enjoyed using ICT to help us learn more about Taylor the tortoise to help Mrs Shanahan's friend.

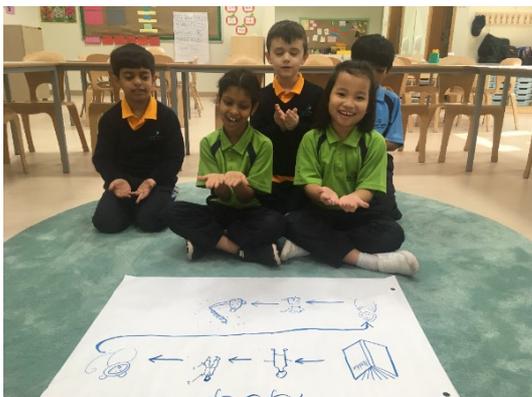


Year 3 Flamingos



Year 3 Flamingos were all excited and enthusiastic about being back at school and have had a super first week back!

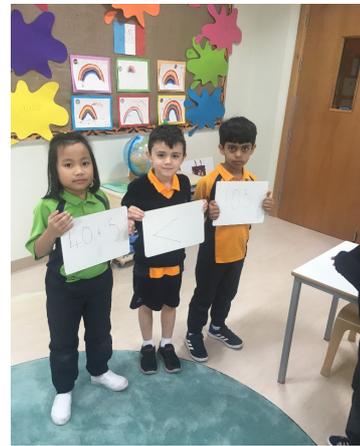
We have begun to look at our new focus, Fairy-tales, and we enjoyed sharing stories we have heard before.



In English, we have begun to look at the story of Aladdin. We can tell the beginning of the story using our actions and our class story map. This week, we are focussing on the use of adjectives to describe Aladdin.

In Mathematics, we have been ordering and comparing numbers. Many of us took on difficult challenges involving numbers beyond 100 and calculations, as well as using the 'more than' and 'less than' symbols (< and >).

This week, we have also enjoyed using the ICT to help us learn more about tortoises to help Mrs Shanahan's friend.



Year 4 Falcons



We have settled back into our learning after our lovely holiday. The Year 4 Falcons were delighted to welcome Liam, our new classmate, who joined us on Sunday from South Africa.

It has been a fun week this week as we were given a challenge on Sunday by Mrs. Shanahan. She asked us to research what we would have to do to take care of a pet tortoise. We researched how to take care of a pet tortoise, including food, habitat and care needs.

We then planned and wrote a persuasive letter to Ms. Sophie to convince her to give us her tortoise. She is leaving Abu Dhabi and needs a safe and loving home for her tortoise. We hope that our letters convince her that we would make great pet owners.

In mathematics, we have had an interesting week exploring division and multiplication. We will continue with this next week.

Year 5 Hawksbill

This week in Year 5 we have had an enjoyable and exciting start to the term. Our topic is 'water' this term and we have lots of exciting things planned around this.



We have been learning all about the 'Seal Surfer' a book that we are going to use to plan and write our own stories! We have been learning lots of new words and what they mean.

We have been practising our calculations in mathematics and are working with even bigger numbers, making sure that we check our answers and use new techniques like the inverse operation.



In Science we have worked hard to explain why materials change from solids to liquids and how important the heating and cooling process is. We have enjoyed doing Mantel of the Expert this week in class, it has allowed us to problem solve and an innovate new ideas. We have researched our topic, designed shelters, found even more questions and solved them together.

Music



FS1 and FS2: How much we have grown over the holidays! The progress we have made is remarkable and now we can get our hands on the

We understand that playing while the teacher is talking is not allowed and that we can pick our own instrument and put it away afterwards. We

good stuff, like collective instrument playing! In FS1 we can play in small groups, while in FS2 the whole class can play together.

still enjoy all of our other activities from last term and look forward to a big performance at the end of this term.

Years 1 to 5: This term sees the dawn of our Instrumental model – we will develop our fine motor skills, stimulate our language acquisition, become even more responsible and creative, all through learning to play an instrument. Years 4 and 5 are learning the ever complicated keyboard and our aim is to be able to play with both hands together by the end of the term.



Years 1 and 3 are learning the recorder! We get to have our own musical instrument and this week we learned Recorder Etiquette: handle your instrument respectfully, do not play while the teacher is talking, only play in the Music room or at home and do not play too loud!

We can buy our recorders from the finance office and Ms Martens will bring it to us at the end of the day. We promise to remember them for all of our Music lessons. Here are some of our friends who have already bought their recorders!



PE

An active start to the new term as we got energetic for 'Move it Monday' and 'Thrilling Thursday'. The two

days began at 7:30am with Wake-Up, Shake-up in the playground. At break time, we had very active music for dancing and playing with PE equipment, followed by active lines led by our play leaders at the end of the break. What a fantastic way to start the year! We will continue with 'Move it Monday' and 'Thrilling Thursday' every week, so please come along and get involved.

In FS1 and FS2 we have been doing lots of running on the outdoor track and are continuing with our playground games during monkey movement. We have introduced kid's yoga through storytelling and are starting to use equipment such as soft footballs and handballs to practice isolated kicks such as throwing, catching and kicking.

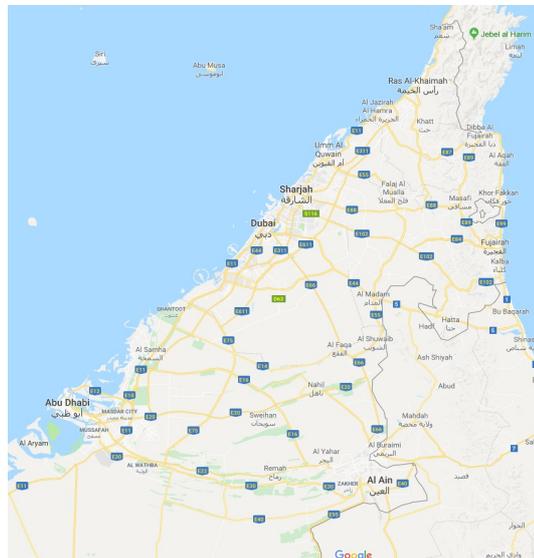
In Years 1 and 2 we have started a games module; we have been learning what it means to work as a team and how to communicate with our team members when playing games. In Years 3, 4 and 5 we have started a module on invasion games where they will practice passing, receiving, attacking and defending skills through a variety of sports such as uni-hoc, handball, basketball and football. This week they have been learning the basics of throwing and catching and how to dribble a ball.

All year groups will be working towards a games-based House competition at the end of the half term.

The 7 Emirate Challenge

As a whole school, we began our 7 Emirate Challenge by running 130km, the distance from Abu Dhabi to Dubai, during Active Week. We have since passed Dubai and are continuing to run to all of the Emirates. Check in every week to see where we are on the map.

Term 2 Week 1: We have ran 597 laps equalling 89.55km as a whole school this week. We are currently 10.15km past Umm Al Quwain and are making our way towards Ras Al Khaimah



GoGo the PE Mascot

GoGo the PE Mascot joined Aspen Heights during our Active Week. GoGo knows that to stay healthy and fit you need to do 60 minutes of exercise every day. GoGo gets this every day in school and at the weekends when taken home by one of our students.



GoGo loves to be active and loves to do all kinds of activities like running, cycling, swimming, hiking, yoga, dancing, basketball, horse riding and so much more. She will go home with one student each weekend to enjoy a weekend of activity with the given student.

GoGo will go home with Saleem Al Ruzeiqi this weekend. Saleem ran the most laps out of all the boys in Aspen Heights during the Active Week. Well done Saleem! Have fun and don't forget to upload the photos of you and GoGo being active together to our padlet:

<https://padlet.com/soneil8/gogo>

Golds Gym Membership Offer

Gold's Gym in Deerfields kindly came to Aspen Heights during Active Week to facilitate a Zumba class for our students, parents and staff. It was a big hit and we have been dancing to 'Choco Choco' ever since. Gold's Gym would now like to offer the Aspen Heights Community a special membership of 2393AED for the year. If you are interested in joining Gold's Gym please contact them directly to avail of the offer and mention that you are part of the Aspen Heights Community. The PE Department will be handing out 'One Day Free Pass' for Gold's Gym on Sunday morning in the school playground. If you would like one of these passes please come to the school playground between 7.30 – 7.50am.

Healthy Breakfast Foods

Aspen Heights encourages our students and families to lead a healthy and active life. Below are some suggestions on what good choices can be made in the morning for breakfast foods. A good breakfast provides children with energy in the morning and helps their brain to work effectively through the school day.

Good Choice

Not a good choice



مادة التربيّة الإسلاميّة



كل عام وأبنائي الطلاب بخير ،لقد درسنا في الأسبوع الأول بعض الدروس التي دوما نربطها بالبيئة وبالهوية الوطنية فمنها الهجرة إلى الحبشة وكيفية الحنين إلى الوطن والرجوع إليه مهما طال الزمن، وأيضا درس الرحمة بالحيوان ، آداب الزيارة والضيافة وما اعتدنا عليه من كرم أهل الإمارات الحبيبة حفظها الله تعالى



مادة اللّغة العربيّة

بدأ طلاب الصف الثاني هذا الأسبوع كتابة جمل مفيدة باستخدام بعض الصور التي تفتح لهم مجال الابداع الكتابي

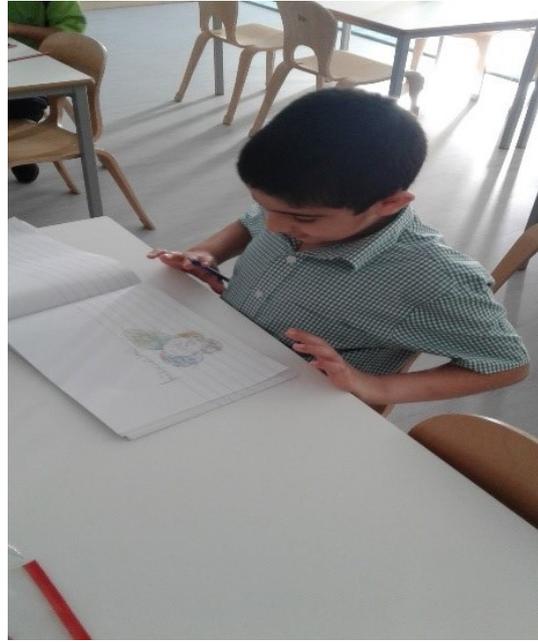
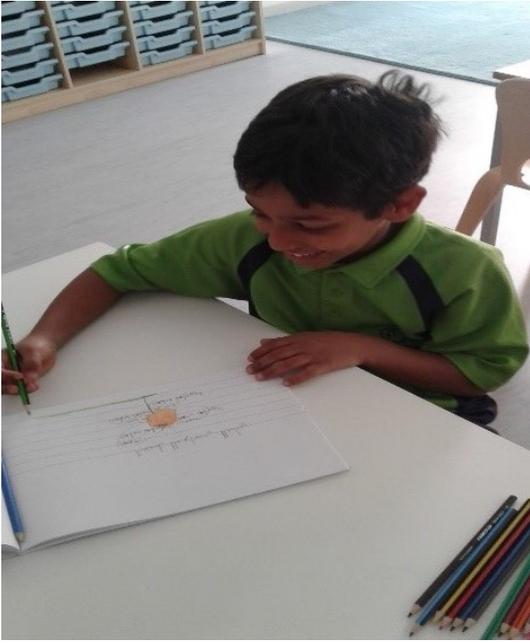


Year five have been learning about the family. They chose a family member to write sentences about then read about each other's family member.



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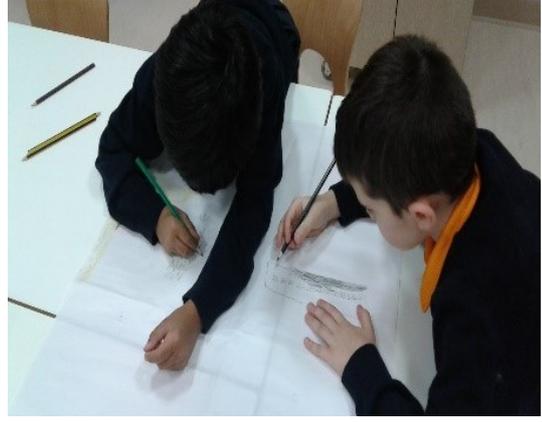


مادة الدراسات الاجتماعية والتربية الوطنية



في أول أسبوع بالفصل الدراسي الثاني تم استقبال طلابنا بفرح شديد وحماسة لاستكمال مسيرة الأنشطة والفاعليات التي تعودنا على ممارستها مع طلابنا وخلال هذا الأسبوع تم عمل مراجعة عامه لاستذكار أهم المعلومات التي تم دراستها خلال الفصل الدراسي الأول هذا الى جانب تدريس بعض المهارات العامة لمادة التربية الوطنية والدراسات الاجتماعية مثل مهارة تحديد

الاتجاهات الأصلية وأيضاً تفعيل مهارة التحدث من أجل الكتابة التي قام بها طلابنا بالصف الثالث والرابع والهدف منها هو تسهيل عملية الاستذكار وترسيخ المعلومة عند الطلاب لتسهيل عليهم عملية الكتابة



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