



Aspen Heights British School Newsletter



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Important Dates:

**Thursday 22nd of March, 10:00am : Whole school drama workshop week
production- The Jungle book, All welcome**

Sunday 25th March- Thursday 5th April: School Closed



Dear families,

As we race towards the end of our second term as a school I am reflecting on how far we have come in just over 20 weeks of school, in all of our key areas:

Community- as a school we endeavor to engage with families to support their children's learning, and be part of our extended school community. I am confident we have achieved this, and the foundations we have established will continue to develop with new families. Today over 40 mothers attended our Mother's day morning in school, enjoyed our assembly, and then spent some time in class learning and having fun with their children. Thank you all for all you do to support your children in our school.









Learning- We promise to ensure the learning experiences we develop for your children are memorable, effective and fun. This week saw children from FS-Y5 taking part in house games competitions- a hugely memorable learning experience for your children.

Progress- We commit to children making as much progress as possible in all areas. When the FS children sang and recited 3 poems and songs from memory this morning I could clearly see the progress they have made- in terms of speaking and listening, confidence and self-assurance. Well done.

Attendance and punctuality- every lesson counts!

Jungle Book

We finish our busy term of learning with a whole school 'drama workshop week' culminating in a performance for all families at 10am on Thursday in our BuTinah school hall. Tickets will be on sale from Monday to cover the cost of materials for the show at 10aed each.

School holidays

School will be closed from Sunday 25th March- Thursday 5th April, with the first day of term being Sunday 8th April. Many children have less than 90% attendance; I will be sending meeting requests to those families to look at how we can improve attendance in the coming term.

We know that children who come to school more regularly make better progress, and need families to support with this. Well done to Y3 Flamingos class who has the best attendance this week, and to Y2 Oryx class who has the fewest late children!

	Attendance%	Punctuality %Late
FS1 Butterflies	90.28%	4.17%
FS1 Geckoes	89.53%	5.81%
FS2 Bulbuls	97.98%	9.09%
FS2 Doves	86.67%	15.56%
Y1 Hares	93.16%	4.27%
Y2 Oryx	96.83%	1.59%
Y3 Flamingos	98.41%	3.17%
Y4 Falcons	96.30%	8.64%
Y5 Hawksbills	85.71%	4.76%

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

Kind regards,

Mrs. Emma Shanahan

Principal Aspen Heights British School





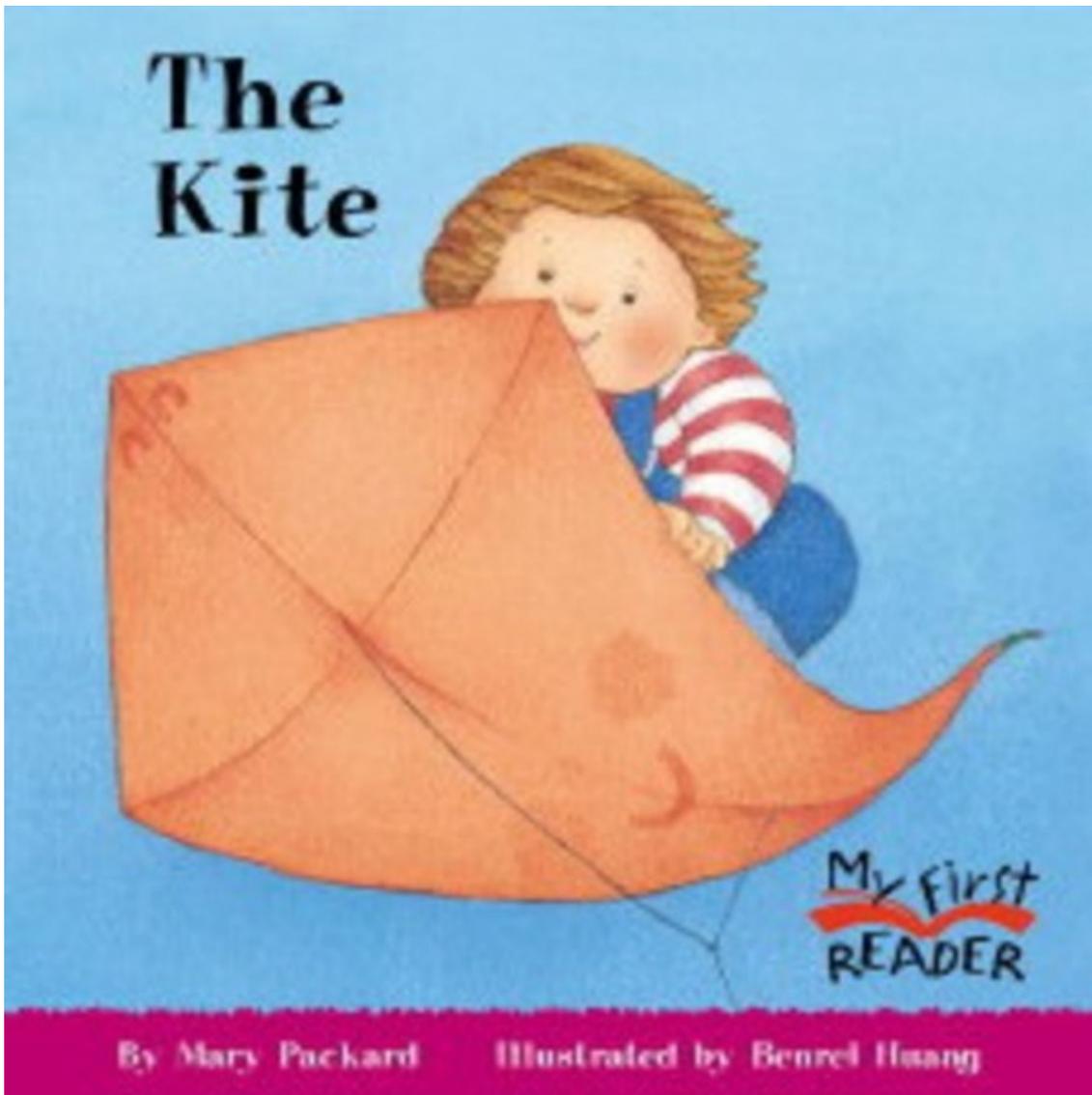




FS1 Butterflies



This week the Butterflies have been learning about Kites. We have been learning a story 'The Kite' by Mary Packard in literacy. The children have been super excited throughout the week as they had a chance to create a kite choosing the colours they like the most.



We have been learning about shapes and used the shapes in various activities. Some children chose the correct shape to create a kite and took the odd one out. The others used the magnetic polydrons to make a kite of a different shape.





In creative learning, children made a kite and decorated it. They have been working on a special surprise for the Mother's Day.

We hope you loved the little treat from your lovely little ones. The children did an amazing job performing in the assembly and the 'Kite Day' added so much colour around us and in the sky. Have a lovely weekend.



FS1 Geckoes



This week we have been learning all about kites. We began by reading a story called 'The Kite'. It told the story of a boy and his kite flying high in the sky. We thought about what we would see if we flew high in the sky like a kite.

In mathematics we recapped 2D shape names. We are all excellent at remembering the different shapes. Please help us to spot different shapes around the house and out and about. We each made a kite picture using different shapes.





We have been practising hard for our Mother's Day assembly; learning songs and poems. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



After the assembly parents came back to class and we held our very own kite festival. We each had a kite and tried to fly it outside. It was lots of fun! We also gave our mums some cards we made.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.



FS2



What a great way to start the week with a sports competition! Well done to Doves and Bulbuls for taking part and for their enthusiasm. We had lots of fun.



In literacy this week Doves and Bulbuls have been looking at information texts. We used the chrome books to research facts about different jungle animals. Then the children all wrote their own fact file about their chosen animal.

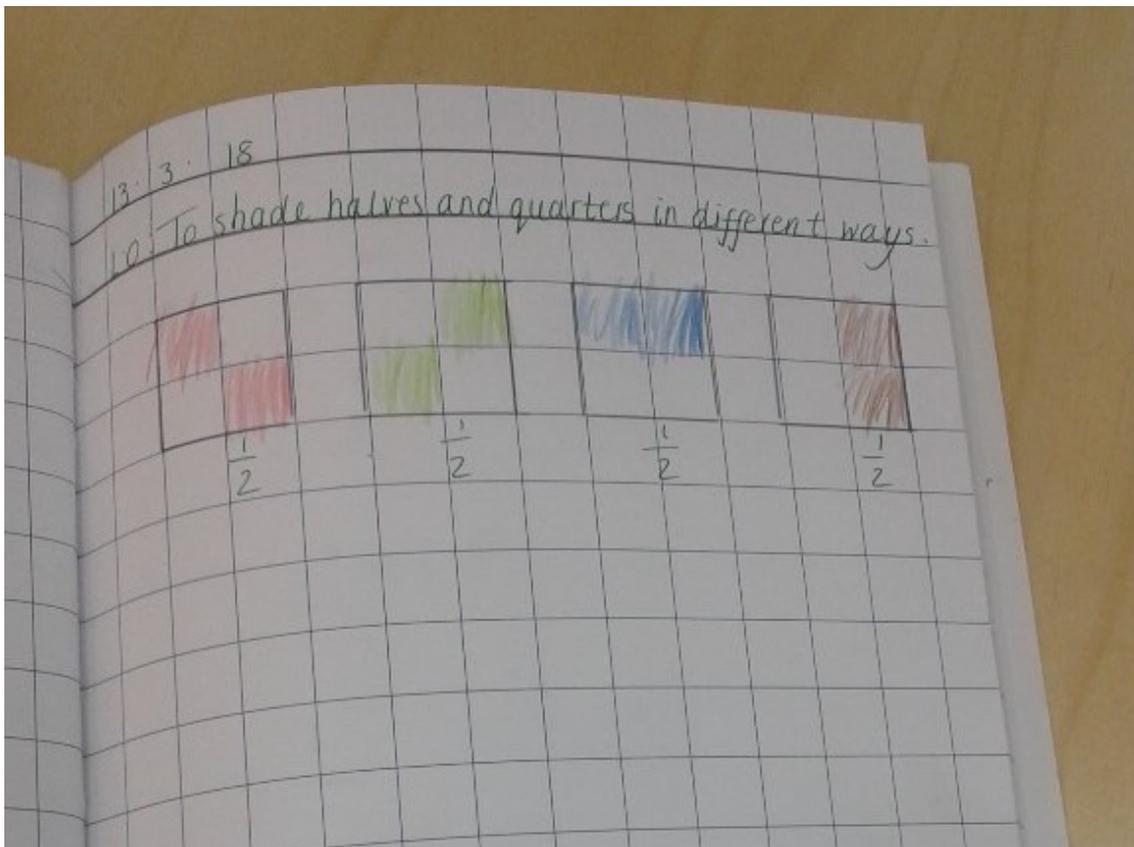
We have put all the fact files together to make a class information book. We even included a contents page. We welcome you to have a read of our class book.



In Mathematics we have been naming and describing 2D shapes. We used shapes such as a square, circle and triangle to make shape pictures and monsters. What shapes can you spot around your house?

Thank you for coming to our Mother's Day assembly, we hope you enjoyed it!

Year 1 Hares



During our week in Year 1 Hares, we have been learning fractions in Mathematics. The children have really impressed Miss Faulkner with their ability to understand halves and quarters. Some children have been thinking very deeply about fraction problems and this has been great to see!



In our English lessons we have been writing character descriptions about Jack and the Giant from 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and have also wrote instructions titled 'How to plant a Beanstalk.'

On the subject of beanstalks, the beanstalks in our classroom are growing very quickly and very high! .



In our Art lesson, we finished our plant based art by adding to our painted background. They have turned out beautifully. All of the children have been singing The Jungle Book

songs during their snack and lunch times for a while now so we are very much looking forward to next week.

Year 2 Oryx



Year 2 Oryx had a very energetic week. The children took part in Games Day where they competed against each other in their house team.

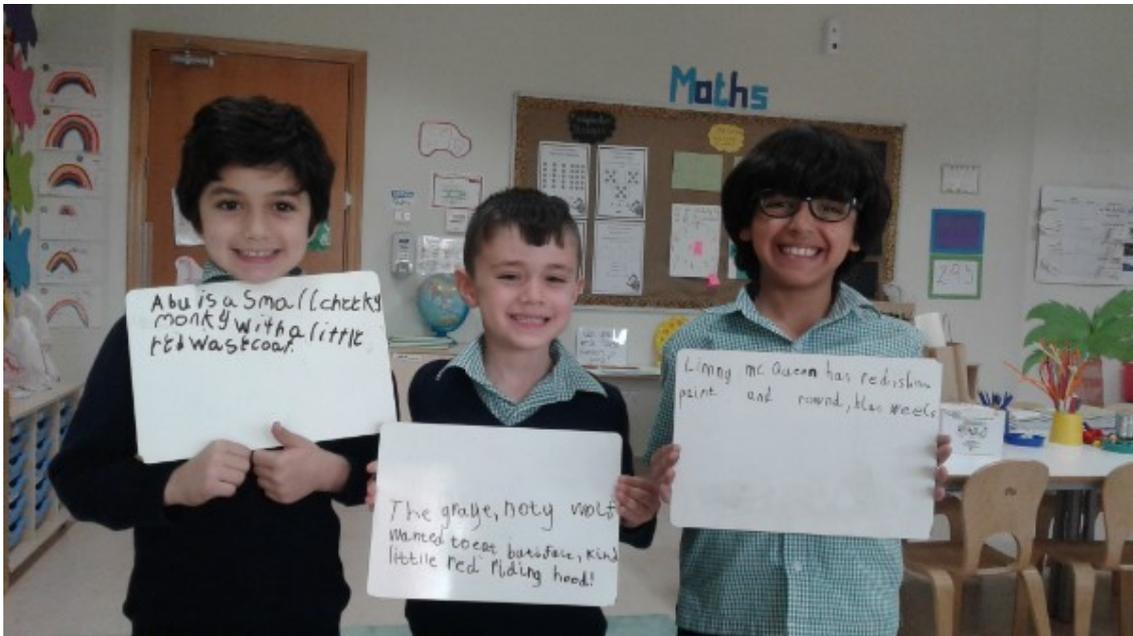
Year 2, also thought about why their mothers were special to them during circle time. We discussed what our mothers do for us and how they look after us.



In English, we have innovated the poem 'I Like Bugs' to another animal. The children enjoyed playing with words and describing their animal. Take a look at our video for the poem 'I Like Bugs'.

In Mathematics, we have counting in 2's, 5's and 10's with and without a hundred square. The children also looked at Number Club where they practised their adding and subtracting mentally in Club 5 and Club 6.

Year 3 Flamingos



Year 3 Flamingos class LOVED Games Day this week. They enjoyed demonstrating the skills they have learned in different sports in their PE lessons and working with their House teams to earn points.



In English, Flamingos class have been working on writing descriptive and detailed sentences to describe fairy-tale characters. We practised our 2A sentences and learned how to up-level these by writing 2A + 2A sentences.

We used these to create a mind-map fact-file about fairy-tale characters.



In Mathematics, we continued to work on our multiplication strategies. We used these to help us calculate multiplication questions from the 2 times table to the 12 times table! We also worked on having a fast recall of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables by learning them by heart. We loved trying to beat our scores on Hit the Button and are going to keep working on it in class and at home!



We completed our work on castles around the world by creating 3D models of castles. We worked independently with only a basic design brief to follow. We worked in teams to plan and build our castles. We learned how to compromise and build on each other's ideas, and we all worked very well together.

Year 4 Falcons



Mother's Day has had Year 4 Falcons extremely busy this week. We began this week by thinking about all of the wonderful things our mothers do for us. We then spent time thinking about how we can show our appreciation and love for them.

We made lots of suggestions and worked fast to make these suggestions a reality. We began by thinking about our mother's favourite flowers. We found videos on Youtube and followed these steps to make a flower bouquet for each mother.



In English, we have been studying poetry over the past two weeks, therefore we decided to become poets for the week with our mothers as inspiration. Each Falcon has written a poem for their mother and has been practising reciting and performing their poem with confidence.

They are looking forward to performing their poems for their mothers and presenting them with their personalised poem!



In mathematics we have finished exploring data and are now working on our grid referencing skills. We've been working on plotting a point on a grid and giving grid references for locating items on a map.

Year 5 Hawksbill



This week Year 5 have created their own reports and have learned how to take notes to help them create paragraphs. They have thought carefully about how they can extend their writing and how to include all the different techniques to improve their writing.



In mathematics Year 5 have been focusing on mental maths this week. They have looked at quick ways to solve calculations and quick ways to learn times tables.

They have tested each other and helped one another find different methods.



In Science and DT we have tested different materials to see which ones we need to use for our boats to float. We have worked in teams to test different shapes in the water and think about how materials need to balance in order to float.

PE



We had our first Games Day on Monday 12th March. This was the House Competition for Term 2. All of the students took part in a variety of different games; FS1 and FS2 took part in kicking, shooting, throwing and running events, while Years 1 to 5 took part in dribbling, passing and shooting over three sports Football, Hockey and Basketball. They also took on the 'Challenge Station' which put the students through their paces with a variety of fitness and skills challenges. The teachers got their game faces on for a basketball shooting competition - thank you to the Year 4 and 5 students who refereed this competition and dealt with some very competitive members of staff!

The winning house from the Games Day was Fire. Well done Fire House! As a reward, all the members of Fire House enjoyed a healthy picnic and some games today. Fire House will hold the House Trophy until our next House competition in Term 3. Well done to all the students and teachers who competed for their house and displayed great team work and sportsmanship on the day.

Take a look at some of the photos from our Games Day.

In PE lessons this week we have been working on gymnastic balances and routines. We have been using the padlets to analyse our body tension and shapes; this way we can see how we are holding the shape and how we can make it even better. FS1 and FS2 have been exploring movement and travel with the use of our gymnastics gym.





Run the World

Term 2 Week 8: We have run 86.25km as a whole school this week. We are currently 1748.45 km away from Jordan.

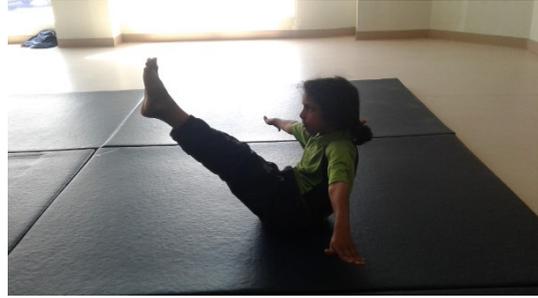
GoGo the PE Mascot

GoGo will go home with Amanullah Khan FS2 Bulbuls this weekend. Aman is really energetic in lessons, he listens to all instructions and works at a high rate in all lessons. Well done Aman! We hope that you continue to



show such energy over the weekend with GoGo. Have fun and don't forget to upload the photos of you and GoGo being active together to our padlet:

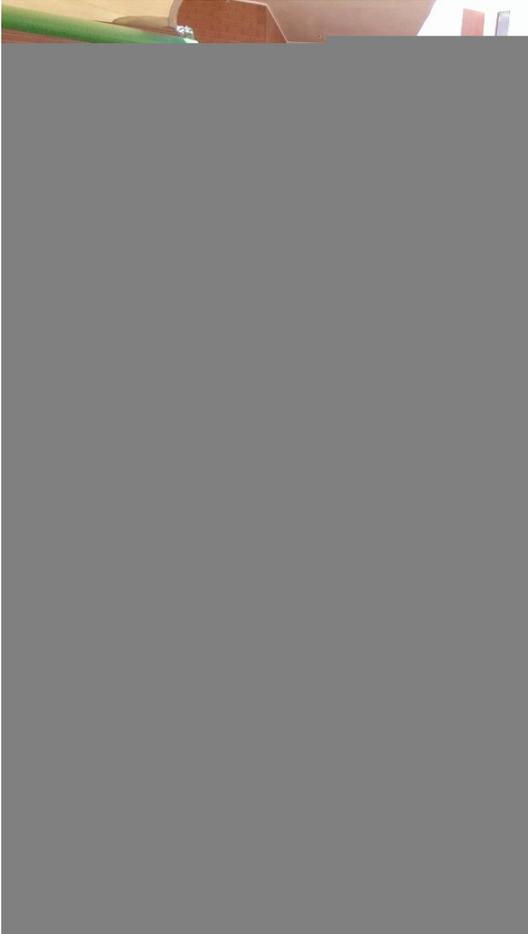
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Healthy Eating at Aspen Heights

We hope that you all enjoyed your fresh vegetable bags last week. Don't forget to put your order into pa@ahbs.ae by Tuesday of every week in order to receive your delicious fresh organic vegetables every Thursday. Upload any healthy food recipes to the following tablet.

<https://padlet.com/soneill8/healthyeating>



Exciting Additions to our ECA Programme

A reminder about the additions to the ECA Programme for Term 3. Please read the details below and if you are interested in taking part please email soneill@ahbs.ae asap. Please note, we can currently offer only 4-6 places on this activity .

Youth Sailing Course

What: This is a beginners sailing course which will cover 10 hours of tuition (2.5hrs per week). The course aims to teach the children how to prepare the boat for sailing, and how to organise and work as a team to successfully sail a boat.

When: Starts Week of the 8th April for 4 weeks in total

Requirements: The child must be a minimum of 8 years of age and must be water confident

Where: Al Raha Beach Marina. We may be able to provide transport from the school, if not, a drop off and pick up by parents will have to be arranged. This will be confirmed upon contact with interested families.

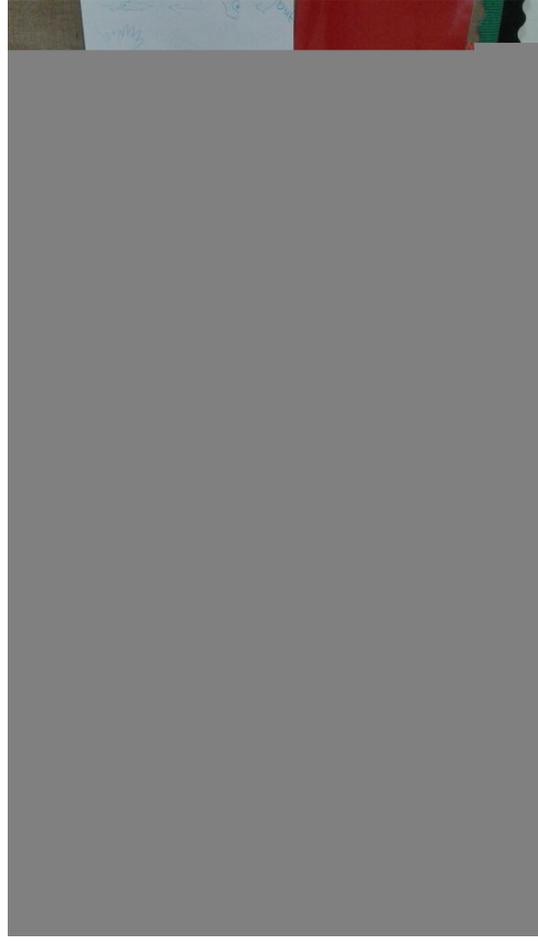
Cost: 900 AED per child

Please note that the Term 2 ECA programme has now come to an end. It will start back up again in Term 3.

مادة التربية الإسلامية



مع اقتراب نهاية الفصل الدراسي الثاني قُمنّا في مادة التربية الإسلامية بتوعية أبنائنا الطلاب من دروسنا اليومية والتي دائماً نربطها بالواقع المعاش لأبنائنا الطلاب حتى يستفيدوا منها في حياتهم اليومية ويُفيدوا مجتمعهم وأيضاً دائماً نقوم برط دروسنا بالهوية الوطنية وتوعية الطلاب لهذا الأمر جيداً لنرسخ بداخلهم حُب الوطن والحفاظ عليه



مادة اللّغة العربيّة



تناول طلاب الروضة الأولى هذا الاسبوع حرفاً جديداً من حروف اللغة العربية وهو حرف الفاء وبالتالي مارس الطلاب العديد من الانشطة اليدوية والتعليمية لتأكيد عملية التعلم على هذا الحرف . فى حين تناول طلاب الروضة الثانية أحد الفصول الأربعة وهو فصل (الصيف) وشاهد عليه العديد من المقاطع التعليمية وكذلك ناقش الطلاب بعض الصور التى تحتوى على الأنشطة التى يمارسها الفرد فى فصل الصيف

ومع اقتراب نهاية الفصل الدراسى الثانى سوف يتم فى الاسبوع النهائى مراجعة لجميع المهارات والحروف التى اكتسابها الطلاب خلال هذا الفصل

فاقت توقعاتي لطلاب السنة الأولى وقتما سألتهم بعض الأسئلة الإفتتاحية لدرس الله يراني فكانت الإجابات أكثر من رائعة واستمعت لبعض الارشادات التى قالوها الطلاب عن

بعض السلوكيات التي بها تأكدت من قدرة فهم واستيعاب الطلاب للدرس فكان عمل رائع وكُلل بأداء بعض الأنشطة التي وضحت وأكدت الأفكار التي منها سننطلق للدرس الجديد .

في السنة الثانية قمنا في هذا الأسبوع بدراسة قصة العصفور عنبر يطير إلى القلعة البعيدة وتعرفنا على شخصيات القصة وقمنا بأنشطة عن القصة ، ودرس الطلاب حرف العين وقاموا بأنشطة لتميز الحرف، ثم كتبوا كلمات تحوي حرف العين وقام الطلاب بتحليل كلمات بها مقطع ساكن وتدريبوا على كيفية تحليلها وتركيبها، واستمتع الطلاب بالأنشط المختلفة، وأظهروا تعاوناً ضمن المجموعات

قام طلاب السنة الثالثة هذا الأسبوع بتطبيق بعض الأنشطة للتمييز بين التاء المربوطة والتاء المفتوحة ثم تبادلوا الأنشطة فكان عمل رائع

مادة الدراسات الإجتماعية والتربية الأخلاقية

تناول طلابنا خلال هذا الأسبوع العديد من الموضوعات الخاصة بكل مرحلة . حيث مارس طلاب الصف الثاني درس بعنوان (أحب تراثي) والذي يناقش مفهوم التراث وبعض العادات التراثية التي تورثها أهل الإمارات منذ القدم وما زالت مستمرة حتى الآن وهكذا بالنسبة للصف الخامس حيث ناقش درس بعنوان (تراثي الأصيل) ولكن بشكل موسع يتناول فيه التراث المادي وغير مادي أم طلاب الصف الثالث فقد ناقشوا درس بعنوان (الهوية الإماراتية) حيث تعرف الطلاب على مفهوم الهوية وقد صمموا المستندات التي تثبت الهوية الإماراتية لكل فرد فيهم

التربية الأخلاقية : وما زالت خطة مدرستنا على دعم رؤية الإمارات 2020 وكذلك تطبيق خطة التربية الأخلاقية بشكل عملي وفعال تستمر قيمنا الأخلاقية التي نعمل عليها مستمرة في طريقها نحو تحقيق نتائج إيجابية تظهر في سلوكيات طلابنا يوماً بعد يوم

ولا ننسى فى حديثاً هويتنا الوطنية التى يعمل عليها جميع المعلمين مع طلابهم فقد زار هذا الأسبوع العديد من الصفوف المتحف التراثى بالمدرسة وتعرفوا على تراث الإمارات العظيم وبذلك اسهم هذا المتحف فى تطبيق الدروس بشكل عملى مما يسهل عملية التعلم .

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