



# Aspen Heights British School Newsletter



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Riddle of the week:

What is at the end of a rainbow?

Last week's answer: A candle



Dear families,

### **Active week**

Our amazing PE team Miss Sinead O'Neill and Mr Aaron Ram have lead our first ever 'Active week' at Aspen Heights, and our entire community has certainly been active! Mornings have been lively and fun with our playground 'wake and shake', and we have all tried new activities with the support of Golds Gym at Deerfields Mall. Wednesday saw our first competitive house events with a variety of fun and challenging physical activities in the playground. Many congratulations to 'Fire' house who collected the most housepoints during sports day, and 'Earth' house who are the overall winners with 224 housepoints!

### **Winter Concert**

Please join us for our first ever 'Winter concert' at 8am on Monday 11th December- all children in years 1-5 are performing! We hope to see many of you there.

We will also have our end of term 'Variety show' where talented children from across the school will entertain us with their incredible skills- we look forward to seeing many families on Thursday 13th during our assembly.

### **School trips and visits**

Next week FS2-Year 5 will be extending their learning outside our school. Please be reminded of the dates below. Please can all children wear full school uniform, and bring their school hats, water bottle and lunch in a named plastic bag.

Monday 11th	FS2- Umm Al Emarat Y1- Grand Mosque
Tuesday 12th	Year 3,4,5- Masdar City
Wednesday 13th	Y2- Emirates Park Zoo

**Uniform Shop:**

Please be aware that after 1st January prices of uniform will increase as the supplier will add VAT.

The opening hours are Sunday, Monday and Wednesday from 8.00 – 3.00 pm.

Aspen Heights School Shop will be closed from the 21st December up to the 2nd of January

**Communication policy:**

We are delighted with the open communication we have fostered as a school community, and trust that our 'open-door' policy and regular communication with families pre-empts the majority of your concerns. If you have any concerns and are unable to speak to a member of staff about it, please email [feedback@ahbs.ae](mailto:feedback@ahbs.ae)

**Interim Reports**

We are delighted to inform you that your child's school report detailing their attainment and progress across this term will be uploaded on the school portal on Tuesday 12th December at 4pm. Staff will be available after school on Wednesday 13th on a drop-in basis to discuss the reports if you wish. Please be advised that if you have any library or guided reading books that have not yet been returned to school, school fees outstanding, or documents outstanding by the 12th December we will not be able to upload your child's school report until this has been rectified. Thank you for your support; we look forward to sharing with you the remarkable progress your children have made this term.

We are looking forward to a busy, exciting end of our first term in our wonderful new community school.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Emma Shanahan

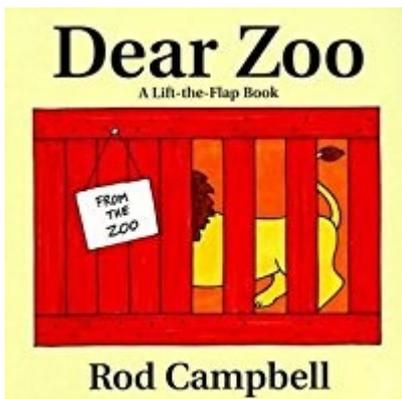
Principal Aspen Heights British School

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# FS1 Butterflies



This week the Butterflies class were active and quite energetic. They enjoyed the wake up shake up and also the active sports day. The children enjoyed all the activities and demonstrated sporting spirit.



In mathematics, we did some number counting using the animals and also

In literacy, we continued working on the story “Dear Zoo”. The children enjoyed guessing the animal. They discussed why they thought it was the correct animal. Children could say the names of the animals and matched these correctly. We created a hands-on small world to enhance their learning experience. The children pretended to be their favourite animals and sounded out the roars and the hiss!

Library books and guided reading books should now have been returned for the holidays. Please bring them into school if you have not already.

We are counting down the days to our winter break, you can count down with your child at home. Keep the spirit of active week alive and have a happy active weekend!



## FS1 Geckoes



This has been a very exciting and active week in school! We have been doing lots of fun exercise; including wake up and shake up, running laps to see if we can run to Dubai and sports day!

Sports day was lots of fun and we all participated in four different races; sprint, beanbag race, sack race and the obstacle course. We tried really hard in all of them and showed great skill!



This week we have been looking at the story 'Dear Zoo'. It's the story of a little boy who wants a pet but every animal the zoo sends him is not right. We made a story map of the book and practised retelling it ourselves. We matched the animals to their different crates the zoo sent them in and talked about the animal names and where they come from. Inspired by this we used old boxes to create our own animal crates and then played with these in the role play area.



In Mathematics we have been looking at pattern. We have been looking around the classroom to spot different patterns and have been making our own in lots of different ways.

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# FS2 Bulbuls





This week is active week and Bulbul class have been very excited to participate in this. We have joined in with the Abu Dhabi to Dubai challenge by running the school track every day. On Tuesday, together as a class, we ran 46 laps!



In literacy this week we have been looking



In mathematics we have been singing the

at poems and rhymes. We have learnt the poem 'I went to the Fridge'. We can recite the poem and have also created actions to go with it. Now we can have a go at writing our own poem!

rhyme '5 current buns'. This has helped us learn how to find one less than a number.

You can practise this rhyme at home:

5 current buns in a baker's shop,

Big and round with a cherry on top,

Along came (name) with a dirham one  
day,

Bough a current bun and took it away.

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## FS2 Doves





### **Super week of learning!**

This week the children were introduced to a different style of writing, poetry. They enjoyed reciting the poem 'In the fridge' then later went on to create a similar poem of their own.

**Using your fridge, ask your child to create a poem (tell them to describe what they can see inside- Inside I saw...)**

Number is so important and we practise counting forwards and backwards all the time. This week we used the rhyme five currant buns to learn about amounts getting smaller and one less.

Can your child remember the rhyme? Ask what is one less than a number below 6.

**Doves continue to go from strength to strength. This week they demonstrated a great example of their cooperation skills by building the highest tower together.**



The children really enjoyed getting more active in Active week. They supported the run to

Dubai and they showed how talented they are in their sports morning.

Your child needs 60 minutes of being physically active every day, please provide as many opportunities as you can to keep your child active and healthy.

Thank you for your active participation.

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## Year 1 Hares



Although we have had a short week in Year 1, it has still been very busy and lots of learning

has been happening.

In our English lessons, we have mapped out and then wrote letters to either Miss Miller, Mrs Shanahan or Mrs Francis, inviting them to our art gallery next week. We are hoping they will come and celebrate our art work with us.

During our Mathematics lessons, we have been learning how to tell the time to 'o' clock and half past. We have all tried really hard with this and a lot of us have made amazing progress.



During our Art lesson, we learnt about primary and secondary colours and learnt what happens when we mix certain colours together. Year 1 Hares found this very exciting. We then used this knowledge to paint the backgrounds of our final pieces of art work.



# Year 2 & Year 3



Year 2 and Year 3 Oryx and Flamingos have been learning all about being healthy during Active Week. We have enjoyed taking part in the run from Abu Dhabi – Dubai and every day we have ran more than 100 laps of the track as a class! We have also learned that being healthy is more than just being active – we also need to have a balanced diet, get plenty of sleep, keep clean and do things that make us happy. We wrote the things that make us happy on our whiteboards.



In French, we have learned the parts of the body using the songs 'Head, Shoulder, Knees and Toes' and 'Jean Petit qui Danse'. Our favourite part is when he has a broken heart and we have to be very dramatic and sad!

Both the Oryx and Flamingos have enjoyed demonstrating their progress in phonics through using the phonics games. We have made huge improvements in our reading and made Miss Dailly very proud!



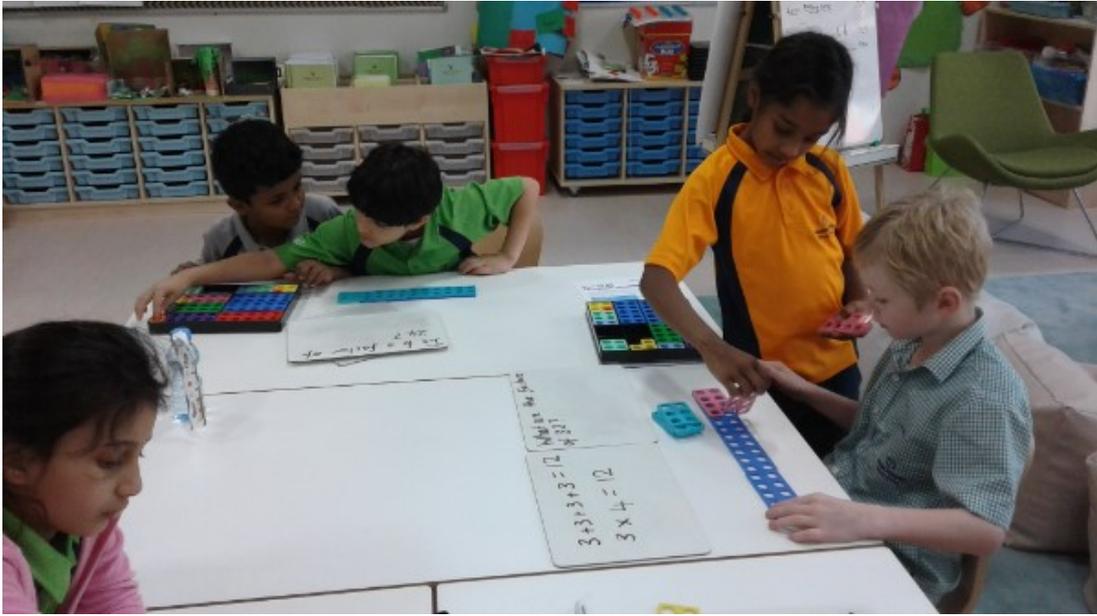
We are looking forward to our last week before the Winter Break as we have so many exciting things happening.





# Year 4 Falcons





The excitement of National Day has been followed this week by our wonderful Active Week.

The Year 4 Falcons have loved running laps of the school each day for 5 minutes to see if the students of Aspen Heights can run the distance from Abu Dhabi to Dubai. They were excited by the challenge and motivated to do well. They also enjoyed all of the other fun activities that happened during the week.

In mathematics, we have been learning about multiplication. We began by comparing repeated addition and multiplication. This led to us using Numicon to multiply single digit numbers. We are now working on multiplying double digit numbers, we have started doing the distributive method and next week we will explore a variety of ways to multiply 2 digit numbers.

In English, we have been writing persuasive letters based on our story “You Can’t Take an Elephant on the Bus”, Year 4 Falcons have been writing persuasive reasons for allowing different animals onto different modes of transport. They are beginning to write these persuasive arguments into persuasive letters.

In science, the children have been learning all about different food chains. They have learned about producers, predators, consumers and prey. In art, Ms. Martens has asked the children to prepare a special costume for their End of Term Concert on Monday.



# Year 5 Hawksbill

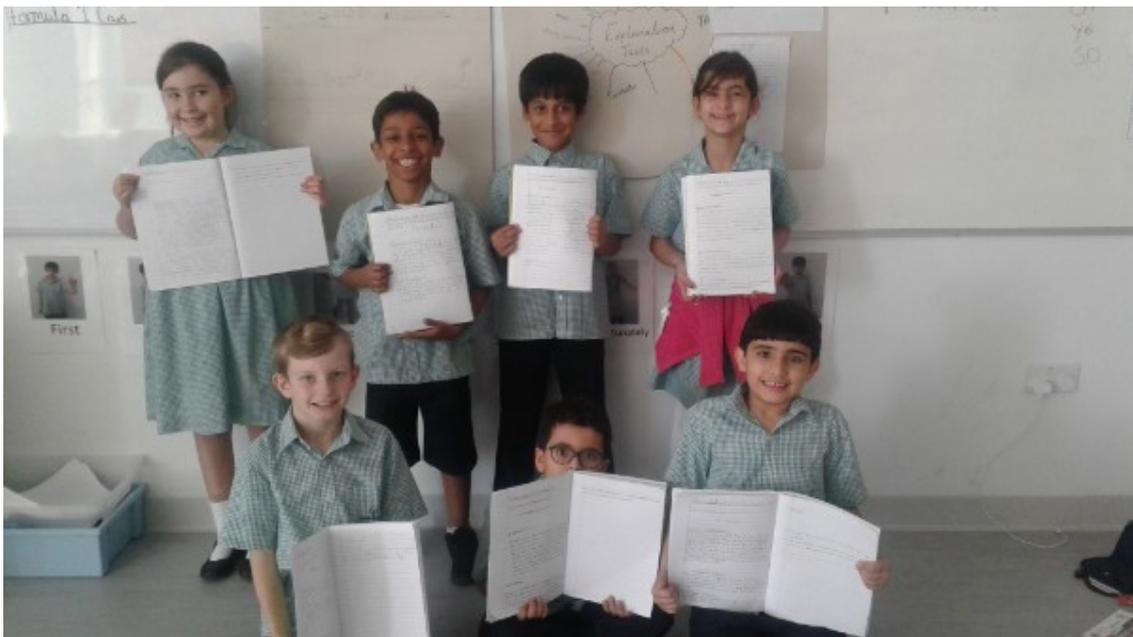




This week Year 5 have worked really hard writing their explanation texts about Formula 1. We have used Talk 4 Writing to help us map our explanation text so we understand new words that we are using. We have included lots of important BOYS connectives and new vocabulary and our writing is exciting and interesting.

In mathematics Year 5 have been working on measurement, we have measured different lengths and also converted measurement. We have thought about how to solve problems with measurement and worked in groups to solve them.

In DT we have completed our own example of the Burj Khalifa, that we made on National Day and finished our own examples of F1 cars by adding the finishing touches to them!



# Music



FS1 and FS2: Music has truly developed beyond measure this semester! We understand the value of doing music in rhythm within a group. We can respond adequately to music dynamics such as loud and soft, or high and low. We have had particular fun this week because we have new 'secretive' objects in our phonics listening bag. We guess what the objects are from listening to their sound and we try to describe the environmental object. WOW! Just look how far we have come!



Years 1 to 5: We are preparing for our Winter Concert in earnest! Across the school we have three choirs and the aim is to give every student an opportunity to perform. Year One is singing "A Silly Song", Years Two and Three are singing "The Friendship Song" and Years Four and Five are singing "Dinomotion".



The Music department supports learner-centred activities to maximise student learning opportunities, therefore we have created our own movements to our songs AND we are busy creating our own costumes. Thank you to all our Classroom Teachers for supporting us with this.

# PE

## What an amazing Active Week!

Thank you all for your enthusiasm and efforts.

Running from Abu Dhabi to Dubai, and Mr. Ram and GoGo tallying the laps ran.



Wake up and shake up:



GoGo the PE Mascot:



Staff Zumba!



# قسم اللغة العربية



Y1

استمتع الطلاب بمشاهدة قصة حياة نبي الأمة صلى الله عليه وسلم وكانوا متحمسين وقت أنشادهم أنشودة -

( محمد نبينا )

Y4

كانت لدراسة الطلاب عن الخيول اثر واضح وفعال حيث-  
ربط الطلاب الدرس بالبيئة الاماراتية واطهروا اهتمامهم  
وتمسكهم بالهوية الوطنية الاماراتية من خلال الدرس

Y2

اكتسب الطلاب مهارة جديدة وقت دراستهم لحرف الراء-  
حيث خمن الطلاب الشكل الصحيح للحرف الناقص في  
الكلمة

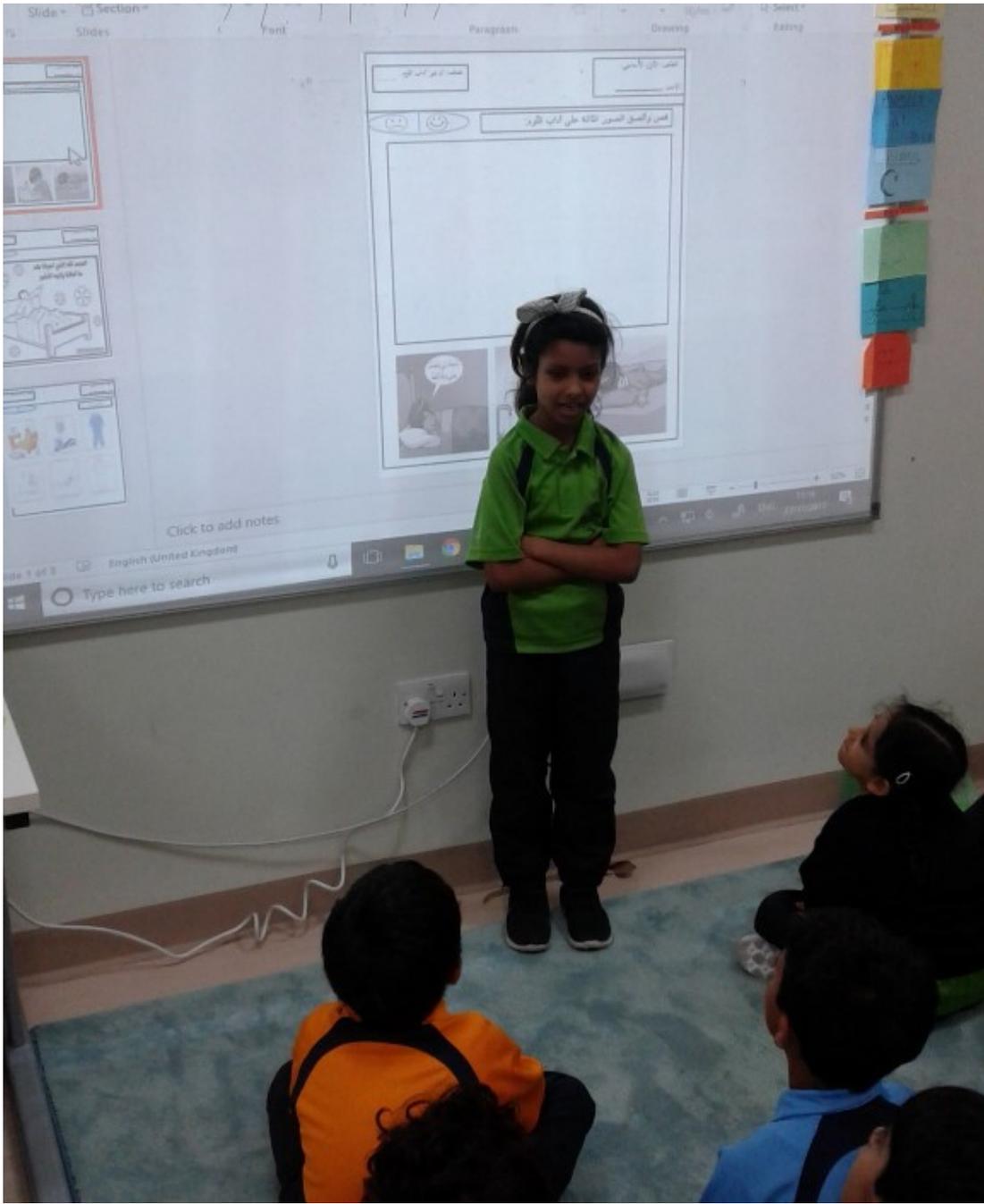
Y5

تنوع القرآت لطلاب الصف كان له أهمية كبيرة في اكتساب-  
مفردات جديدة واستخدامها في التعبير عن مايجول بداخلهم

Y3

أنشد الطلاب انشودة الافعال ثلاثة ماضي مضارع أمر وكان-  
التناغم كبير بينهم فأصبحوا يعرفون أنواع الفعل بطريقة سهلة  
وممتعة

## قسم التربية الإسلامية



كما تعودنا دائما في مادة التربية الإسلامية كان أسبوعا جميلا مع طلابي الأعضاء ملىء بالنشاطات المختلفة والجميلة تعلمنا من خلالها آداب النوم، وماذا يقال قبل النوم



بمناسبة المولد النبوي الشريف تعرفنا على مولد النبي وحياته وقمنا بعمل بعض النشاطات المختلفة ، كما وضحنا فضل ترتيل القرآن الكريم ، وناقشنا درس التثبث من الأخبار وتوعية الأبناء من الأخبار التي تثير المشاكل في مجتمعنا وتجنبها والبعد عنها ، ودرسنا سورة البينة وتعلمنا تلاوة الآيات بصورة صحيحة

## مادة الدراسات الاجتماعية والتربية الوطنية



يقترّب الفصل الدراسي الأول على الانتهاء وما زال طلابنا بكامل نشاطهم مستمرين في ممارسة العديد من الأنشطة والاستراتيجيات التي تسهل عملية التعليم والتعلم على الطلاب وقد ناقش طلابنا العديد من الموضوعات وقاموا باستكمال انشطتهم حيث قام الطلاب باستكمال وتدوين الاحداث التي حدثت باليوم الوطني وربطها مع برنامج هويتي من أجل ترسيخ وتقوية الهوية الوطنية والمواطنة الايجابية وعبر الطلاب عن مدى أهمية الاخلاص للوطن والدفاع عنه وتقديم كامل الفخر والاعتزاز لكل ما ضحى بنفسه من اجل وطننا



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