



Aspen Heights British School Newsletter



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Dear families,

Welcome back to the first week of term 3 in our school, and a particularly warm welcome to the new children and families who have joined our community. All children have settled very well and we look forward to working with families over the coming terms.

Keeping safe in the sun!

Our assembly on Sunday was focused on how to keep safe in the sun- children correctly identified the 5 items I would need to protect me in these hotter months; A sun hat, a water bottle, suncream, sunglasses and an umbrella!

Please can you ensure your child comes to school with a school hat, and a water bottle. If your child does not have a hat, they will be asked to remain in the shade during playtime. The school uniform shop is open on Sundays and Wednesdays this term from 8.00am-3.00pm. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is safe in the sun!

Topic overviews

At the beginning of each term, each year group send out a 'topic overview' detailing planned learning for the half term unit of work. We hope that this, together with the weekly homework, enables you to keep up with what your child is learning in school. As always, if you have any queries, your child's teacher will be happy to meet with you or answer any questions by email. Teachers email addresses are below, for your information.

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Friends of Aspen:

We would like to invite all new and existing families to our first friends of Aspen coffee morning for the term on Thursday 19th April after assembly in the meeting room upstairs. We will be discussing community events for this term, and looking at charity initiatives for this term during Ramadan. We hope many of you will be able to attend.



Assembly- Thursday 19th April

Children from FS1-Y5 will be sharing 'amazing learning' during our assembly next Thursday- as always, all families are warmly welcomed. We hope to see you then.

Israa Wal Miraj

Thank you to Mr Mohamed, Ms Samah and Year 5 and Year 1 children for their informative and interesting 'Israa wal Miraj' assembly yesterday. We particularly enjoyed the quiz, where we all learned new facts about this special time in the Islamic calendar.

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

Kind regards,

Mrs. Emma Shanahan

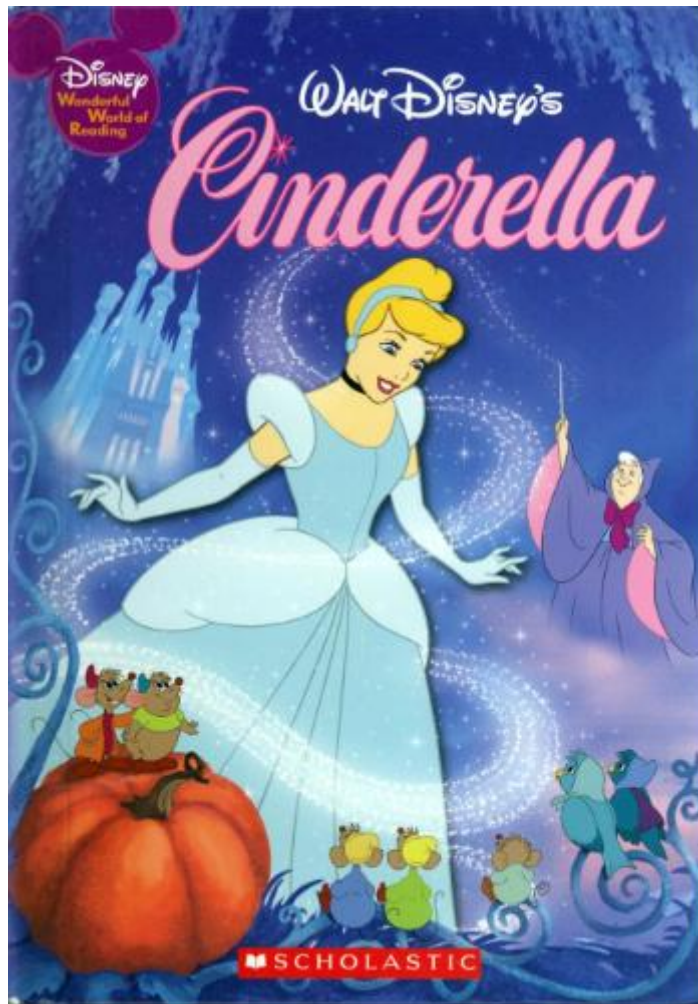
Principal Aspen Heights British School

FS1 Butterflies

We are happy to see all the children back at school and we also offer a warm welcome from the Butterflies to our new starters.



The children shared their holiday experience with great joy and I thank all of the parents for sharing their lovely holiday photographs. We have started our new topic "Fairy Tales" and the children are exploring different types of story books.



In literacy, we were learning about “Cinderella” a famous tale about a kind girl in a tough situation. The children will be thinking of ways to help the Mayor find the girl who lost her shoe and further, to organise her wedding. It is going to be an exciting expedition for our little learners.



In mathematics, the children were busy counting the number of spoons of sugar, cups of tea, croissants, cookies, vegetable slices etc.



We are focussing on counting various objects by using the small world resources to enhance their learning.



In phonics, we have started Phase 2. We have introduced and practised the letter sound 's' and 'a' with a tricky word 'l'. You can try singing the letter songs with your child at home using the links below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ybiJTZNlvTI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mVER0qQ6Q0>



Please make sure your child carries a water bottle and a sun hat to stay safe from heat and dehydration. Have a lovely weekend.

FS1 Geckoes



Welcome back to Gecko Class. We hope you have had a lovely holiday or staycation with your family!

We are very excited to start term three and look forward to all the super learning we are going to do!

This term we will be starting Phase 2 phonics. This is where we begin learning the letter sounds. This week we have learnt the sounds 's' and 'a'. We are practising identifying words that begin with that sound. Here are some Youtube links of songs with the sounds so you can practise at home with your child.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPcb0ffwQhw&list=RDXPcb0ffwQhw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tif2a8vXeAA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ybiJTZNLvTI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mVER0qQ6QQ>



We have started our new topic of Fairy tales. We have heard that Fairytale Land is suffering from a lot of crimes recently and we have been asked to help the local police solve these! We have thought about the job of a police officer and what they need to do their job. We look forward to seeing what investigations we need to do over the coming weeks.

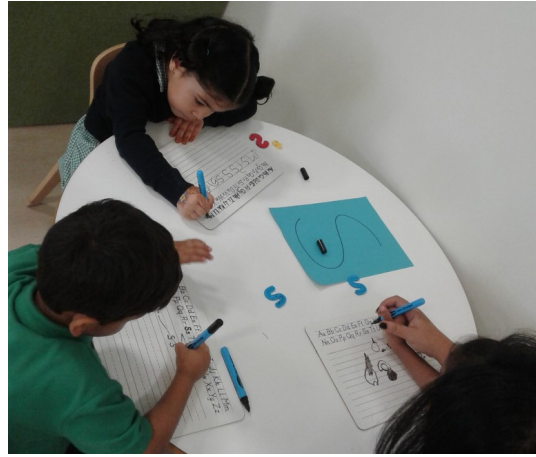


We have read the story of Cinderella this week and enjoyed retelling it to each other. We each drew a picture

In mathematics we have been counting things other

of Cinderella and noticed her name started with a 's' sound!

than objects, such as claps, stamps and jumps.



Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

FS2 Bulbuls

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed your spring break. FS2's new topic this half term is Fairy Tales. We will be reading lots of different stories including a range of English and Arabic traditional tales. This week we have been looking at Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have also changed our role play area into the forest from the story of Little Red Riding Hood.





Goldilocks enjoyed baby bear's porridge so much she ate it all up. We decided to investigate what makes porridge taste yummy. We added different ingredients to some porridge to see which tasted the best.



We decided adding some sugar tasted the best because it was sweet. After our investigation we wrote up our conclusion on what we found out and what ingredient we liked the best.



The children have also enjoyed exploring maths concepts using porridge oats and different

sized bowls. They have been comparing which bowls can hold the most and least amount of oats. We have also been learning how to take away to find a smaller number.

FS2 Doves



Excellent start to the term!

This week we have moved on to our new topic, Once upon a time. The children had fun looking at the clues in the role play area. They worked out that we are going to start our topic with Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children really enjoyed listening to the story. This led them to act out the story and we sampled lots of different toppings for porridge. Porridge is a healthy choice for breakfast.

Think about what is healthy for breakfast and encourage your child to try new things in small portions.

To develop enquiry and independence skills, we made playdough of our own. The children had a great time adding the ingredients, mixing and kneading the dough.

Ask your child what is needed to make playdough and have a go yourself.

We look forward to a great term of learning.

Year 1 Hares

It has been lovely to see all of the children back this week – as usual, they have been full of energy and enthusiasm to learn. The highlight of our week this week has been our 'Rocket Launch Day' on Sunday which started off our new Space topic in a very exciting way.

We made mice rockets, balloon rockets, rockets from a lot of different types of materials and also rockets from construction throughout the day.

The children thoroughly enjoyed it and learnt a lot. Check out the videos of our mice and balloon rockets below.

We also started to learn the names of the planets this week and have done some great drawings to show how close each planet is to the sun.

Well done year 1.

Year 2 Oryx

Year 2 Oryx had an exciting week at school. It has been great to hear about all the fun they had in their holidays.

In Mathematics, we have been practising counting in ones, twos, fives and tens but our focus has been to find a half of a shape and set of objects.

In English, we have been looking at instructions. We followed instructions to play Snakes and Ladders and to make cheese salad sandwiches.

Year 2 Oryx were so engrossed in making their sandwiches and they made sure that they followed each step correctly. But the most enjoyable part was to eat them!

Year 3 Flamingos

Year 3 Flamingos class have returned from their break refreshed and ready to learn! It has been lovely to hear all of their exciting news from over the holiday.

In English, we have been learning about the features of a newspaper. We read a newspaper report about a lost kitten and noticed that it was written in 3rd person and in past tense. We are working on using the correct verb tense in all of our writing.

In mathematics, we used our knowledge of multiplication to help us with division. We learned different strategies to help us with the multiplication facts that we don't know by heart yet and continued to work on our multiplication strategies. We are still working on having a fast recall of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables by learning them by heart.

We began our new topic of Ancient Egypt by finding out where Egypt is. We already knew that it was an Arabic country and we think it might be similar to the UAE. We learned about some of the history of Egypt by researching key words such as sarcophagus, pharaoh and sphinx.

Year 4 Falcons

We are into our third term already and it has started with lots of exciting activities.

In mathematics we have been learning all about 3D shapes. We started by picking shapes out of a hat and researching what those shapes look like on our computer.

Then we made the shapes out of clay so that we could see and feel how these shapes were formed. The children had lots of fun exploring how to make the shapes and discussing which 2D shapes were used in the creation of the 3D shapes. This was very beneficial as they then had to learn about the properties of 3D shapes and they could use their own creations and discoveries to make the property charts.

In English, we have been learning about scripts, having had so much fun before the break with The Jungle Book, the children are now learning all about the features of scripts and how to perform them based on what is written. Next week, they will begin to write their own scripts.

In science this week, we've had lots of fun creating and carrying out experiments all about sound. The children began by listening to the different sounds in the environment. Then they learned all about how sounds are made and how our ears work.

They had lots of fun exploring the pitch and tone of different sounds and made their own musical art using items from the environment. Next week, they will begin to make their own music electronically using different computer programs in computing.

Year 5 Hawksbill

This week Year 5 have worked hard and enjoyed coming back after the holidays! This week in English we have looked at persuasive writing and have found features of this. We have looked at persuasive letters and found examples that can help us write our own letters.

In mathematics this week we have been learning about capacity, we have measured amounts using different measuring jugs and have learnt to read different scales. We have calculated amounts and have solved problems using capacity.

In Science this week we have learnt about the different planets in our solar system and have found out facts about them. In computing we have created posters for E-Safety and have thought carefully about how to be safe when using the internet.

PE

Learning in PE this week

We were all delighted to get back into our Aspen Heights PE uniform and get moving again this week.

We are continuing on with our gymnastics module that we started before the spring break. We have made the exciting jump from our floor movements and shapes to using some very exciting vaulting apparatus. In FS we have been experimenting with different ways of moving around our gymnastics circuit, practicing balancing on an incline, straight jumps and landing safely.

In Key Stage 1 we have been learning how to jump and land safely onto apparatus and off apparatus. In Key Stage 2 we have been learning how to vault over apparatus whilst holding our gymnastics form.

Extra Curricular Activities Term 3

Great news the ECA Term 3 programme is ready to go. It will be 5 weeks in duration, activities will start from **Sunday 15th April until Thursday 17th May**. This will be the last term for ECAs as they will not run throughout Ramadan.

If you wish for your child to take part in any activity you must register them on the Engage Portal. Follow the link <https://ahbs.engagehosted.com> and once you have logged in, the first page will allow you to register your child for the ECA's. Ms. Sandy has also made you a very helpful tutorial video on how to do this step by step. The engage link will be open from Tuesday 10th April and will close on Tuesday 24th April, Please register your child within these dates.

Any questions or queries about a given activity please feel free to email or talk to Ms. O'Neill/ Ms. Sandy or the teacher named as the activity leader.

مادة التربية الإسلامية

مع بداية الفصل الدراسي الثالث وإشراقة علينا، ورؤية أبنائنا الطلاب وهم في صحة وسعادة، نحتفل هذا الأسبوع بمناسبة عزيزة على قلوبنا وهي رحلة الإسراء والمعراج، إحدى معجزات نبينا محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم. ونحن في مدرسة أسبن هايتس نسعى دائما وأبدا إلى ترسيخ القيم الدينية والأخلاقية في نفوس أبنائنا الطلاب، وتوعيتهم لذلك، لينتفعوا بها في حياتهم وينفعوا مجتمعهم.

مادة اللغة العربية

كان أسبوعاً مشوقاً لرؤية طلابنا خلال هذا الأسبوع لذلك فقد

استقبلنا الطلاب خلال هذا الأسبوع ببعض الاستراتيجيات التعليمية التي تجعل عملية التعليم أكثر مرحاً حيث تم خلال هذا الأسبوع مراجعة الحروف التي تعلمها طلاب الروضة الأولي والثانية إلى جانب كتابة وقراءة بعض الكلمات البصرية الخاصة بالروضة الثانية

فضلاً عن الإستعداد والإثارة التي شاركنا فيها معظم الطلاب عند استخدام استراتيجية تمثيل الأدوار لقصة (ضياء وضحي والصفدع الاخضر) لربطها وترسيخ حرف (ض) عند الطلاب

كما يرجى العلم إننا سنعمل خلال هذا الفصل على استكمال الحروف العربية لطلاب الروضة وكتابة وقراءة كلمات بصرية أسبوعياً

فيما يخص الروضة الأولي : سيتم تعريفهم على معرفة كلمة (أنا) ومحاولة استخدامها في جملة بسيطة من تعبير (أما الروضة الثانية : تعرفوا خلال هذا الأسبوع على قراءة وكتابة الكلمات التالية (أخي – أختي

في السنة الثانية قمنا هذا الأسبوع بمراجعة الحروف وكتابة كلمات من الحروف المجردة، ثم قمنا بقراءة قصة غراب لونه أبيض والتعرف على كلمات وجمل تحوي حرف الغين وقام الطلاب بالقيام بأنشطة جماعية لقراءة الكلمات البصرية وتحليل المقطع الساكن

مع بداية الفصل الدراسي الثالث بدأ طلاب السنة الرابعة بكل حماس بقراءة قصة وتنفيذ بعض الأنشطة المختلفة عليها، أما طلاب السنة الثالثة فكانت اهتماماتهم مختلفة حيث البحث والاكتشاف لبعض المهارات التي سبق دراستها مع الأنشطة الممتعة

مادة الدراسات الإجتماعية والتربية الأخلاقية

كان من الممتع رؤية طلابنا هذا الاسبوع بكامل طاقتهم ونشاطهم المعتاد لذلك كان هذا الاسبوع مليء بالانشطة التعليمية ووسائل التعلم المرحلة التي جعلت الطلاب أكثر مرحاً خلال هذا الاسبوع فقد قم طلاب الصف الثاني بمراجعة المهارات التي تم دراستها خلال الفصل السابقة إلى جانب استكمال درس تراث بلادي (الأكلات الشعبية) في حين قام طلابنا بالصف الثالث باستخدام استراتيجية تمثيل الأدور حيث ابداع الطلاب في إظهار الألعاب الشعبية مثل (الغميضة – خوصة بوصة) وهي العاب تراثية لدولة الإمارات حيث استنتج الطلاب ضرورة المحافظة على تراثنا مع مواكبة التقدم أما فيما يخص بطلاب الصف الرابع استكمال درس تراث بلادي (الصيد بالصقور) وأهمية طائر الحباري لهذه الهواية . وقام طلاب الصف الخامس باستخدام إستراتيجية المسابقات ومواجهة التحدي لمراجعة المهارات التي اكتسابها الطالب

أما فيما يخص التربية الأخلاقية : مازالنا مستمرين في تنفيذ خططنا للعمل على تطوير والإرتقاء بمستوي طلابنا مواكبنا مع ما تدعو إليه مادة التربية الأخلاقية من خلال توعية الطلاب أسبوعياً في التجمع الأسبوعي الذي يتم يوم الأحد مع جميع الطلاب إلى جانب التوعية الفردية الخاصة لكل مرحلة على حد طبقاً للخطة الموضوعه لكل مرحلة

بهويتنا نرتقي) هذا هو شعارنا للحفاظ علي هويتنا الوطنية : دائما نعمل على تعزيز وترسيخ الهوية الوطنية لدى جميع الطلاب) . فالهوية الوطنية ليست فقط أقوال نحفظها للطلاب ولكنها أفعال نحرص عليها داخل مدرستنا على تنميتها عند الطلاب لذلك من أجل المشاركة مع الصندوق الدولي لحماية الحباري وتحقيق رؤية الإمارات 2021 فيما يخص الإستدامة سوف يتم العمل خلال الأسابيع القادمة إلى دمج طرق المحافظة على هذا الطائرة مع المناهج واهميتها للمحافظة على هوية القنص بالصقور وهي تعتبر من أقدم الهوايات والهواية المفضلة للشيخ زايد رحمه الله وهذا شيء قليل لرد الجميل لهذا القائد العظيم الذي أدرك خطورة إنقراض هذا الطائر على هوية الصيد بالصقور وشدد على ضرورة التوعية لطرق المحافظة على هذا الطائر

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