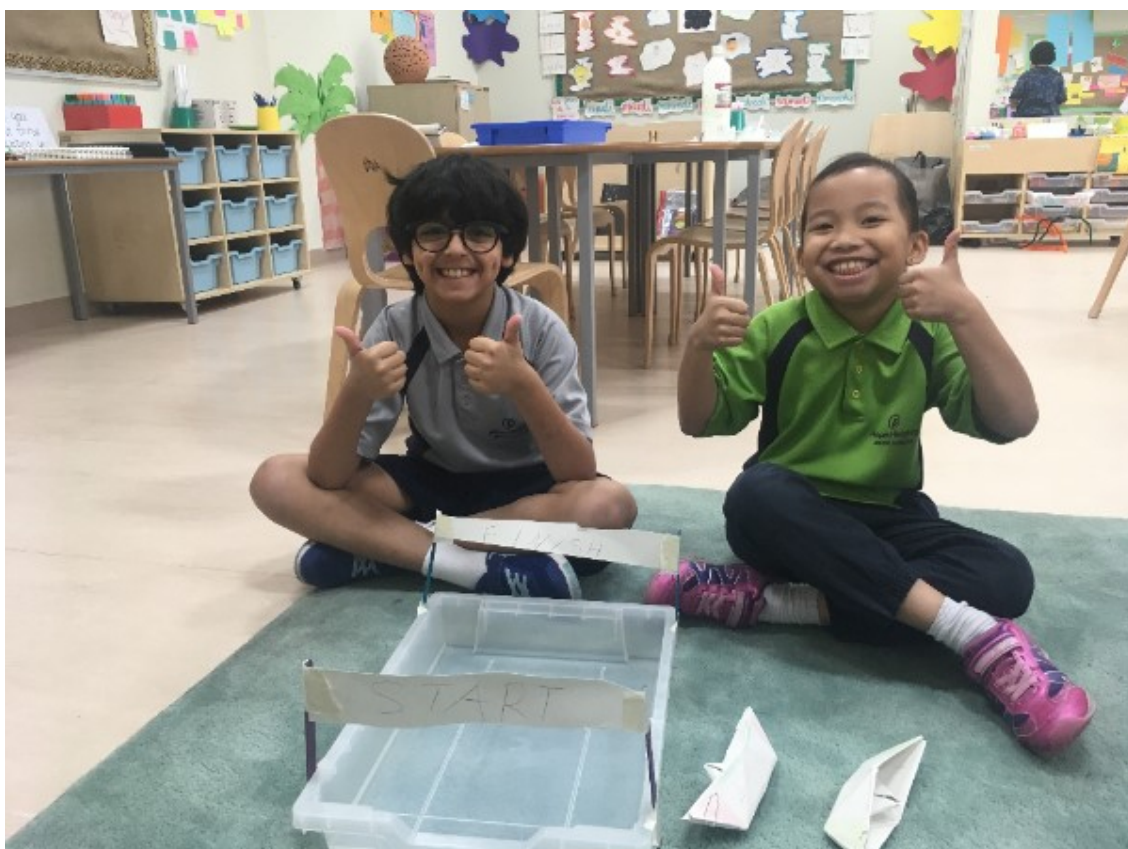
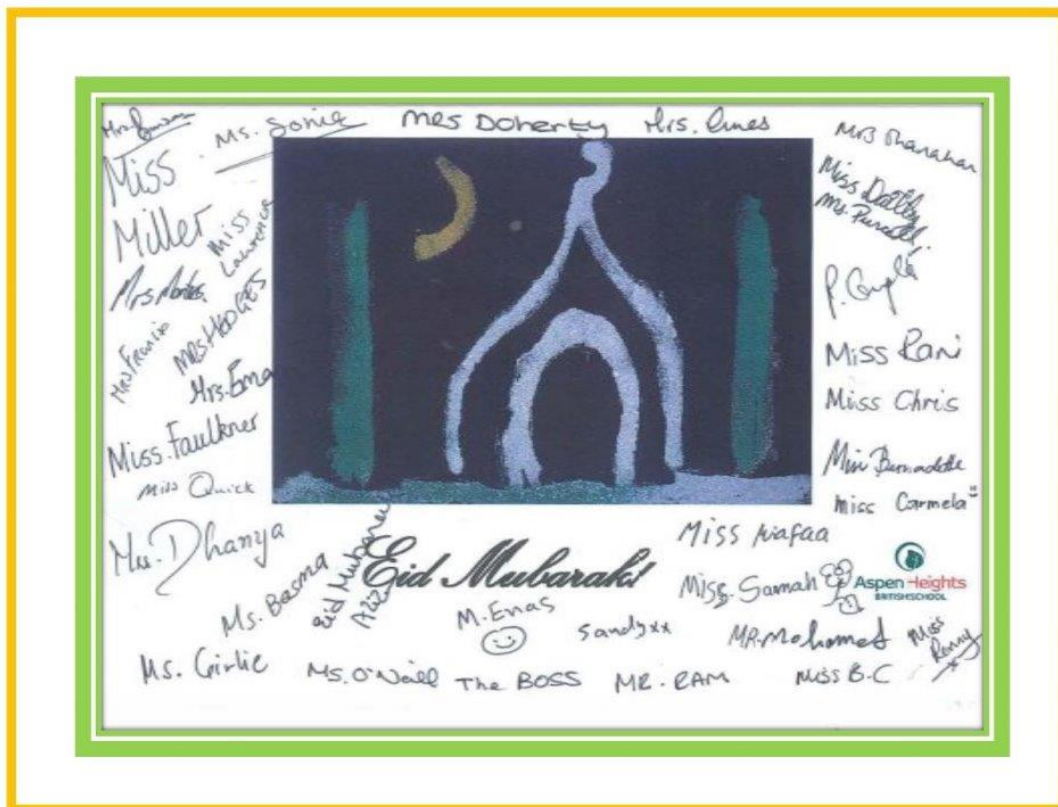




Aspen Heights British School Newsletter



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Eid Mubarak from Mrs. Shanahan and the Aspen Team!

Congratulations to fire house who won our Ramadan charity drive competition by bringing in the most donations of clothes, toiletries, books and toys. Thank you all for your support of those in need.

Attendance and punctuality- every lesson counts!

We know that children who come to school more regularly make better progress, and need families to support with this. Well done to Y1 Hares class who has the best attendance this week, and to Year 3 Flamingos class who has the fewest late children!

| | Attendance% | Punctuality % Late |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| FS1 Butterflies | 70.63% | 3.97% |
| FS1 Geckoes | 63.49% | 7.14% |
| FS2 Bulbuls | 69.23% | 7.69% |
| FS2 Doves | 80.52% | 11.69% |
| Y1 Hares | 85.71% | 3.57% |
| Y2 Oryx | 80.22% | 3.30% |
| Y3 Flamingos | 69.39% | 2.04% |
| Y4 Falcons | 75.71% | 10.00% |
| Y5 Hawksbills | 67.35% | 8.16% |

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 have been busy with the final week of Ramadan. We created some Eid greeting cards to share with our friends. Some of us continued to fill the charity boxes located at our school reception. We were surprised to receive an Eid Hadiyah from a kind friend.



To our surprise, we heard an angry giant yelling 'Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum!' and were wondering what was happening. Soon we discovered the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' where Jack sold his cow for some magic beans. We made some predictions on what might happen and we will learn more about the story in the coming week.





In science, we learnt about planting beans in an indoor environment. The children were busy learning about planting and skills needed for farming. We enjoyed digging and had so much fun having a go in messy play.



We also focused on our fine motor skills and showed some great precision cutting the green leaves for Butterflies' beanstalk.

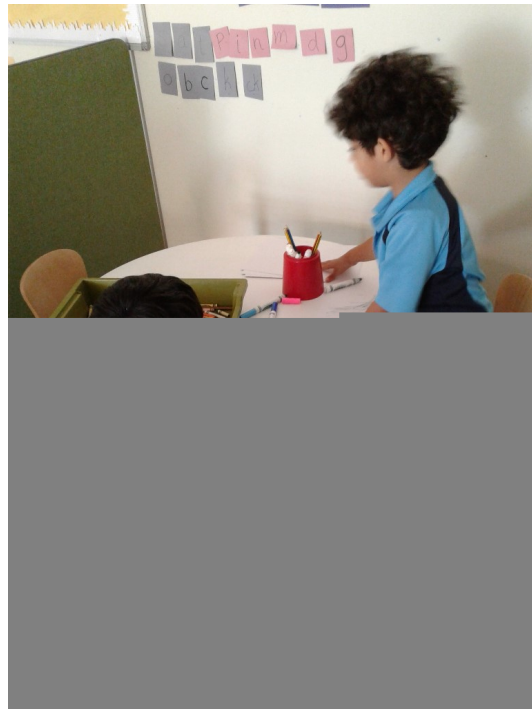
I wish all the families a lovely Eid Mubarak and hope you will have a blessed one!

FS1 Geckoes

It has been another busy week in Gecko class. We have started work on a new story, 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We found the story very exciting and loved how Jack escaped from the giant!



We each drew our own picture of Jack and the beanstalk and thought about what he might steal next. We also talked together about if Jack should have stolen from the Giant.



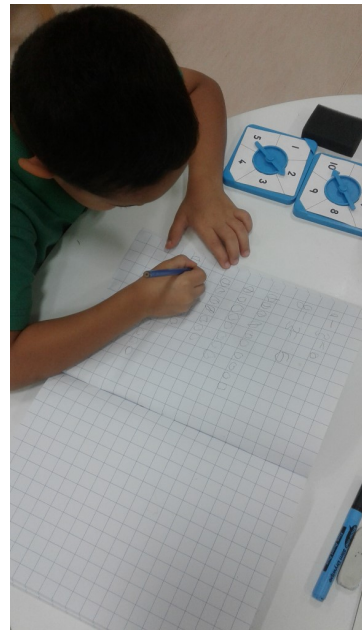
To practise our fine motor skills we each made our own curly whirly beanstalk. We cut carefully in a spiral and then added leaves. They are all hanging in our classroom so come and take a look!

In phonics we have now learnt all phase 2 sounds from the sound mat sent home. We would love to practise these sounds with you at home and try and sound out some simple words. We also all love writing, ask us to write some simple words at home and I'm sure you will be very impressed.

We hope you have a lovely Eid.

FS2 Bulbuls

In mathematics this week we have continued to get even better at taking away numbers. We have been solving problems for example, Abdullah had 8 sweets for Eid but Alia ate 4 of them. How many sweets are left?



We have also been challenging ourselves this week with number club. It is a mental maths challenge where we have to work out the answers in 6 minutes!



In guided reading the children have been reading their books to the adults in the class. It is lovely to see how much progress they have made in their reading from the start of the year. They have improved their sounding and blending of words and can sight read many tricky words all on their own. Well done Bulbuls.



Over the past couple of weeks, the children have had the opportunity to take home the class dinosaur. Take a look on our padlet to see what the dinosaur got up to on his home visits. <https://padlet.com/pa16/21jm5tklk2ls>

FS2 Doves



Another amazing week of learning. With Eid fast approaching, we decided to learn more about the festival and share our personal experiences. Doves created some beautiful artwork (using different media) linked to Eid and Islam. Lots of the children were able to explain how their families celebrate Eid.



We linked our mathematics work to Eid by counting Eid sweets and solving number problems. Then the children created and wrote lovely Eid cards for family and friends. All the class are super excited about the Eid weekend.

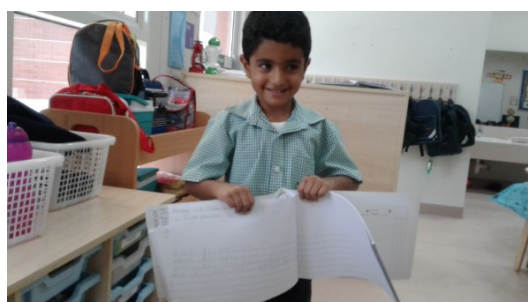
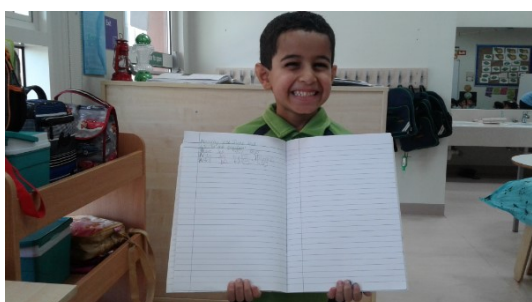




We wish everyone a happy Eid and family fun filled weekend.

Year 1 Hares

This week in Year 1 we have independently researched more crazy creatures – some are an angora rabbit, a kangaroo rat and a shoebill bird. We have written questions we want to ask about these animals and next week we will find out the answers.



During mathematics we have been counting in tens and adding ten to any 2-digit number. The children have done really well with this.

During our topic lessons we have started to create our habitats – using the shoeboxes we brought in. We used our designs to help us with this. Well done children!

It would be great if you could send your child to school next Thursday wearing shoes or trainers with laces. We are going to learn to tie our laces!

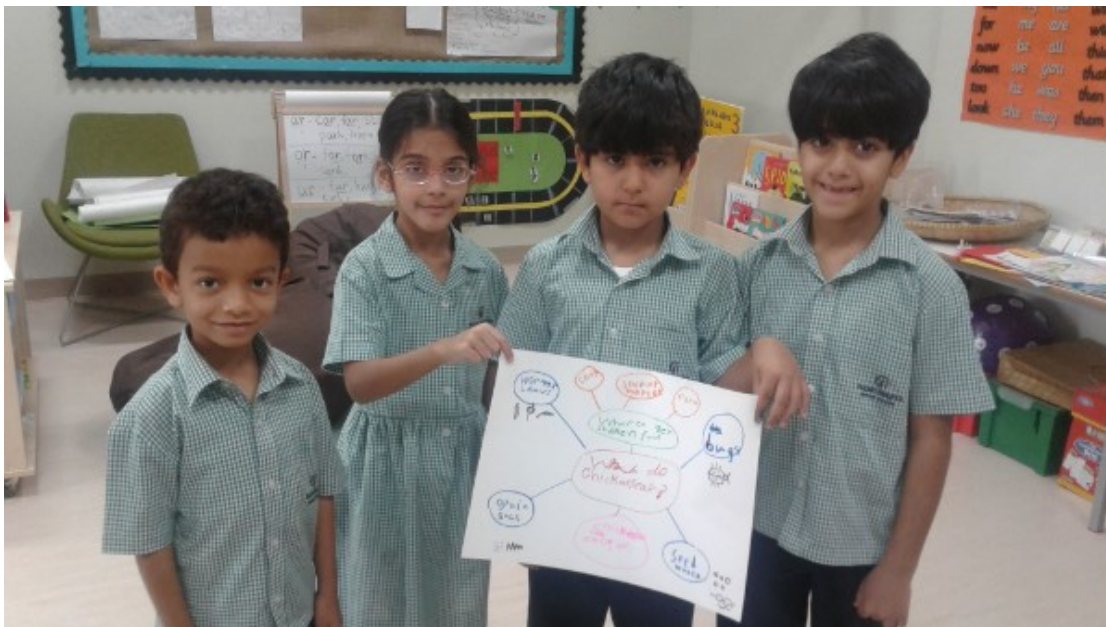


Year 2 Oryx

Year 2 Oryx had a fantastic week. In mathematics, we looked at capacity. The children explored capacity vocabulary such as full, empty, half full, almost full and almost empty. Afterwards, the children estimated how many 1 litre containers and 500ml bottles it would take to fill the water tray half way up. The children had so much fun exploring with water.



In English, the children selected a new place for Max to visit and described it using adjectives. The children watched videos to help them imagine what the place would be like. Following this, the children wrote their setting description. You have done a great job, Year 2!



In science and topic, the children continued researching chickens and found out lots of information.

Year 3 Flamingos

This week, Year 3 Flamingos completed their work on forces by making and playing their amazing science games. They had great fun solving their design problems and all of the games used magnetic forces really well!

In mathematics, we worked on our skills in mental addition. We are definitely improving and need to keep on working on our number bonds to 20 to keep getting

better. We also developed our skills in measure by exploring weight and capacity. We had great fun using water to measure the capacity of different classroom objects.

In English, we have started writing our own scripts. We mapped them out differently to a normal story map so that we can remember the features of a written script. We also started to read the script we wrote last week, using expression and intonation to make it interesting for the listener.

Year 4 Falcons

In English, our advertising company is in full swing. We are working very hard this week to help the Wonderland characters make money. We started by creating a persuasive poster map and then spent time perfecting our persuasive writing skills by adding alliteration, rhyming, interesting verbs and vocabulary to our posters to persuade people to use the Wonderland character's products.

We have also been busy preparing for our interviews with the characters next week. The children are very excited to begin the preparation for the movie element of the advertising business next week also.

In mathematics, we had fun exploring lots of different money. We learned about the Great British Pound and the U.A.E Dirham. We explored the different values for notes and coins and established that even though they have the same number; for example, a 20p coin and a 20 pound note, they have very different values.

In topic, the children are continuing to make a map of their Wonderland setting using a key, to share with others the images and ideas they had for their story. They are focusing on the skills of map drawing and key making.

Year 5 Hawksbill

This week Year 5 have learnt about directions and turns. To help us do this we have thought about the degrees in a circle and have linked our work on turn to compass directions and fractions. We have solved problems and made up our own problems using the new information that we have found.

In English this week we have looked at how to build up suspense in our writing. We have looked at different build ups from different stories and used them to build our own ideas.

We have planned our own build ups for our Fantasy Stories unit of work and have begun to write our build ups using all new information.

In science this week we have conducted an experiment to find out about different forces and we have found out that force is measured in Newtons. We have concluded that the heavier an object is the more force is needed to move it. In art we have nearly finished our clay models and have begun to illustrate the different parts of our story.

PE

Learning in PE this week

This week we have been putting all of our orienteering skills into action and have completed a full orienteering course with 10 controls. This in preparation for the House Orienteering competition which will take place on Wednesday 20th June 2018. All children should wear their PE uniform to school on this day. Watch this space to see who will be the winning house on Wednesday.

Mini World Cup

With the FIFA World Cup starting this Thursday in Russia, we have decided that Aspen Heights should host their very own mini World Cup. This football tournament will take place every break time at 10am. If you have not already done so, please sign up before it begins next week. With so much football talent in our school, we are sure that it will be a very exciting competition.

GoGo the PE Mascot

GoGo will go home with Andrei Vidu from FS2 Bulbuls this week. Andrei has really impressed Mr. Ram with his retention of knowledge this term. He always answers questions in great detail and remembers keywords. Well done, Andrei! Have fun and don't forget to upload the photos of you and GoGo being active together to our padlet:

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

مادة التربية الإسلامية

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

تنوعت الأنشطة هذا الأسبوع وكما تعودنا نربط دروسنا في

مادة التربية الإسلامية بهويتنا الوطنية، فمن الدروس : درس

المرافق العامة وكيفية الحفاظ عليها وعدم إتلافها لينتفع بها

الناس، ومن دروسنا أيضاً فقد درسنا شخصية هامة في

التاريخ الإسلامي ودورها المؤثر في الهجرة النبوية الشريفة

إنها أسماء بنت أبي بكر الصديق رضي الله عنهما، ومدى شجاعتهما وإقدامهما على التضحية والعطاء، ومن هنا ربطنا هذه القيمة بمبادرة العطاء التي أطلقتها دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة في عام زايد الخير، وأيضاً درس نعمة الماء والحفاظ عليه من التلوث وترشيد الاستهلاك لأنه شريان الحياة فينبون الماء تهاك جميع المخلوقات وقد قامت دولة الإمارات بمبادرة (سقى الماء) تحت رعاية سمو الشيخ محمد بن راشد.

مادة اللغة العربية

قمنا في هذا الأسبوع بالسنة الثانية بدراسة (قصة الوزه وردة) و(قصة اليسوب القوي) وميز الطلاب حرفي الواو والياء كما قام الطلاب بأنشطة كتابية على القصص كالوصف وكتابة جمل عن القصة ووصف أبطال القصص بجمل معبرة، كما قرأ الطلاب أجزاء من القصص وميزوا الكلمات البصرية من خلال الأنشطة الصفية وتحفيز عمل المجموعات.

القراءة غذاء الروح وتطبيقاً لتوجيهات القيادة الرشيدة في تشجيع الطلاب على القراءة في مدرسة آسين هايتس حيث يتم توفير القصص الممتعة المفيدة للطلاب والتي تفتح باب المناقشة الجدية .

تعرف طلاب السنة الثالثة على الفضاء من خلال قراءة تقرير عن الفضاء فكانت دهشتهم لاتوصف بالمعلومات التي تعرفوا عليها .

التعبير والوصف من اهم عناصر الكتابة الابداعية وهذا ما تدرب عليه طلاب السنة الخامسة فكان تعبيرهم عن موقف حدث في قصة قصيرة معبراً جداً ووصفهم وتصويرهم للاحداث دقيق جداً .

مادة الدراسات الإجتماعية والتربية الأخلاقية

تنوعت موضوعات هذا الاسبوع بين الموضوعات الإجتماعية التي ناقشت أحد الجوانب الإجتماعية وموضوعات أخرى ركزت علي الجوانب التنقيفية والتوعوية عند الطلاب وموضوعات أخرى ركزت علي الجانب العقلي . فقد تناول طلاب السنة الثانية درس بعنوان (وطن السعادة) وناقشوا فيه أهم الجهود التي تبذلها حكومة دولة الإمارات في تحقيق السعادة . أما طلاب السنة الرابعة فقد ناقشوا درس خدمات الطرق وأهم مراحل التطور التي وصلت إليها دولة الإمارات في حين اختلفت طريقة تدريس طلاب السنة الخامسة بموضوع بعنوان انجازات بلادي حيث ناقشوا الطلاب هذا الدرس بأسلوب التفكير العقلي وربط الطلاب بين الماضي والحاضر متوصلين بانفسهم إلي المشكلة وطريقة حل المشكلة التي مكنت مجتمع الإمارات من مرحلة الماضي بكل ما عانوه فيها من قسوه إلي مرحلة التقدم والتطور التي نشهدها الآن .

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