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Weekly Update
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Dear families,

The first week of school after half term has culminated in a fantastic International day celebrating the 40 nationalities that work, learn and play at Aspen Heights!



At Aspen Heights we commit to providing exciting, relevant and memorable learning experiences; and we also work hard to strengthen our diverse and interesting community. Our incredible International Day, a culmination of International learning during the week did just that. By sharing experiences together, and learning more about one another's cultures and traditions our community is strengthened and tolerance between different nationalities is increased.

The morning was spent in class learning about their chosen country, with different year groups visiting the assembly hall to perform their song and dance to families and children. I am always amazed at the quality of these performances, and the joy your children demonstrate in learning new and interesting things! After the final assembly from our FS children, families were able to collect their children from class and visit the incredible stalls created by our children, staff and families. This year was bigger and better than ever! 28 countries were represented, and organised in continents across the primary and secondary courtyards.

Thank you to all who helped make the day so special, in particular Friends of Aspen and Miss Megan Manica who have given so much time and energy, coordinating a wonderful community celebration.



Arabic Language week

Next week we have a very important week in our annual calendar- a celebration of Arabic language week. Arabic is afforded a high status in our school, and the teaching methods of our Arabic team are aligned with best practice in the English curriculum classes. Our whole school team works collaboratively to develop teaching and learning to ensure your children make remarkable progress. Children at Aspen love learning Arabic! In addition to the varied activities our Arabic colleagues have planned across the week, we are hosting family workshops on Thursday morning after assembly on both Native and Non-Native Arabic. We hope to see many of you there.

أسبوع اللغة العربية

الأسبوع القادم هو أسبوع مهم في عامنا الدراسي - الاحتفال بأسبوع اللغة العربية. تحظى اللغة العربية بمكانة عالية في مدرستنا، وتتوافق أساليب التعليم الخاصة بقسم اللغة العربية مع أفضل الممارسات في فصول منهاجنا البريطاني. يعمل فريق المدرسة بأكمله لدينا بشكل متعاون لتطوير التعليم والتعلم لضمان تقدم أطفالك بشكل ملحوظ. الأطفال في اسبن يحبون تعلم اللغة العربية! بالإضافة إلى الأنشطة المتنوعة التي خطط لها زملاؤنا في قسم اللغة العربية على مدار الأسبوع، فإننا نستضيف ورش عمل عائلية صباح الخميس بعد التجمع الصباحي للناطقين باللغة العربية ولغير الناطقين باللغة العربية. نأمل أن نراكم جميعاً.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families,

Mrs Emma Shanahan
Principal Aspen Heights British School



Primary Update

I have really enjoyed our International Week as all week the children have been excitedly learning their country's song or dance and I have seen some amazing learning.

Thank you everybody for all of your work and effort for making today such a successful International Day - all of the performances and stalls were excellent! I also had the opportunity to practise the Lithuanian dance with Year 4 Falcons. Year 2 Oryx drew some amazing pictures with me of London scenes and members of the Royal Family. Year 5 Hawksbill were able to analyse different types of postcard texts ready to create their own.



Another successful week, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Laura Stevens
Head of Primary



Class	Attendance%	Late%
Oasis	86.11%	0%
FS1 Butterflies	94.95%	2.02%
FS1 Geckoes	88.64%	2.27%
FS1 Hedgehogs	87.88%	4.04%
FS1 Mice	97.60%	0.48%
FS2 Bulbuls	90.91%	1.52%
FS2 Doves	94.20%	2.9%
FS2 Ducks	90.00%	1.74%
FS2 Pipits	93.43%	5.05%
FS2 Sparrows	95.17%	1.93%
Y1 Foxes	90.34%	1.70%
Y1 Hares	96.28%	2.66%
Y1 Jerboa	94.33%	3.09%
Y1 Sandcast	88.89%	4.35%
Y2 Camels	92.42%	1.01%
Y2 Leopards	94.76%	1.43%
Y2 Oryx	88.10%	6.55%
Y3 Flamingos	87.13%	5.26%
Y3 Kingfishers	91.53%	2.12%
Y3 Ostrich	94.08%	4.61%
Y4 Falcons	92.22%	4.44%
Y4 Houbara	87.50%	5.26%
Y5 Hawksbills	95.91%	0.58%
Y5 Parrotfish	88.89%	3.09%
Y6 Dolphin	94.62%	0%
Y6 Seahorses	79.23%	6.15%
Y7 Mariyah	94.95%	0%
Y7 Saadiyat	85.47%	5.98%
Y8 Futaishi	93.65%	1.59%
Y8 Yas	90.60%	5.13%

Attendance

Well done to FS1 Mice, Year 1 Hares, Year 5 Hawkbills, and Year 7 Mariyah who had the best class attendance in their key stage for this week.

Well done to Oasis Class, Year 6 Dolphin and Year 7 Mariyah who had no late children at all.

Great effort and I'm sure the children will enjoy the 5 minutes extra playtime.

Children that come to school every day, and on-time every day learn more and make better progress, and we at Aspen want to support our families with this.

Please see the attendance and punctuality table above.



Head of Secondary

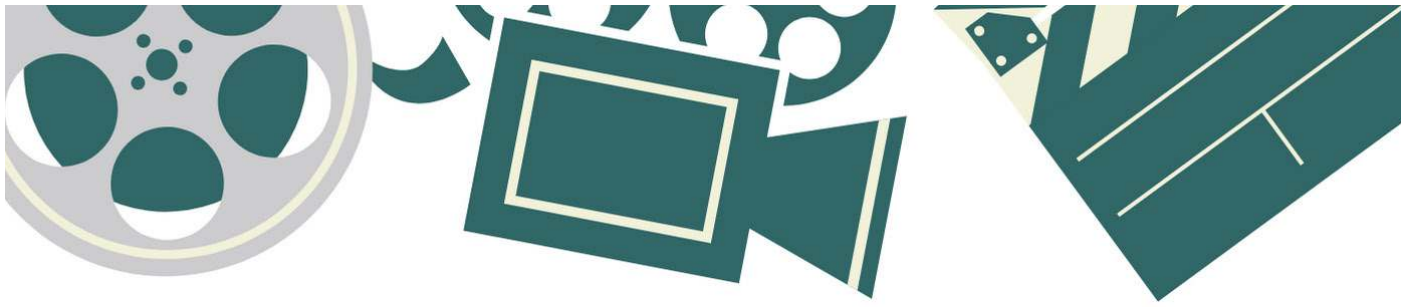
Welcome back to all of our families after the half term holidays. This week has been an amazing week in Aspen Heights. I have seen some amazing learning in children's portfolios and books as part of my learning walk this week. We have prepared for our International Day, where our Year 7 and Year 8 children gave wonderful performances. Year 7 girls represented the UAE and played the National Anthem of the United Arab Emirates. Year 7 and 8 boys combined their talents and told us lots of interesting information about Tunisia, they sang the National Anthem for Tunisia and gave us a fashion show. Lastly, Year 8 girls treated us to an amazing performance of the Japanese Fan Dance. It was lovely to see so many of our families on the different stalls and to sample many different foods from around the world.



Finally, please remind your children to take the opportunity to swim every week at school in our swimming lessons. Swimming is an excellent form of exercise, which promotes healthy lifestyle and hopefully lifelong fitness habits. (Girls swim every Wednesday and boys swim every Tuesday).

Dr. Kate Plumb
Head of Secondary





AHBS MOVIE AFTERNOON!

INVITING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

**WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH
3:30 PM TO 5:30 PM**

Choose between:
The Lion King
Toy Story

**10 AED per
person
(includes pizza
and a drink)**



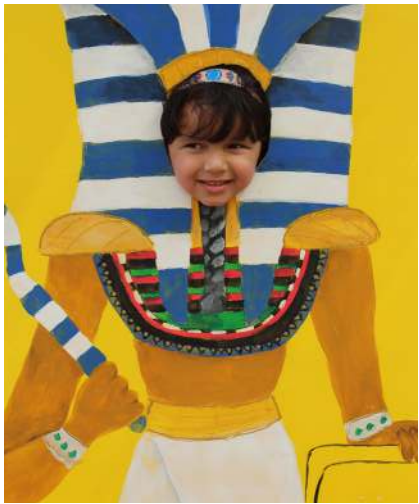
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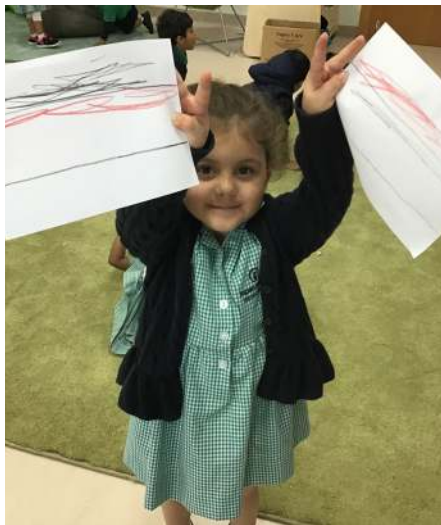


Nursery

Welcome back after a lovely week break, it was nice to see everybody come back recharged.

This week was another very busy week for us in Nursery. We started our new topic 'Sky High' and our new story 'Whatever Next'. The story is about a young bear who wants to go to the moon.

We have also been very busy preparing for International Day this week. Our classes learned about Egypt, India, Canada and Scotland. We all looked up our countries on the computer and learned lots about them, we also made flags for each country. We were also very busy practising our song 'It's a small world' for assembly and we sang it beautifully on stage for all of you to hear.



In literacy, we did lots of computer work. We came up with questions about the countries we are studying and looked them up on the internet to find the answers.

In mathematics, we were using numbers 1-10. First we tried to put them in order and then we drew some hopscotch with the numbers and had a turn jumping through the hopscotch.

Next week we have Arabic integration week. We will be including lots of Arabic in our classes everyday and doing lots of fun Arabic activities. It is going to be a great week.



The FS2 children have had a wonderful week celebrating the diversity in our classes. The children have taken a real interest in learning about their friends' countries and have wanted to find out about other flags, traditional clothes and favourite foods from all around the world.

Each class also chose to learn and celebrate one country in particular which has led the learning to be different in each class this week. In mathematics, the children have been learning to make surveys and have been heard in the playground asking their friends what their favourite pizza topping is or which famous building they like and marking the answer! It was wonderful to see them choose to make surveys when playing independently.



To further develop the children's ICT skills and understanding of the world, we used the internet to view Google Earth. We looked at Aspen Heights, our own teacher's house as well as major landmarks from around the world. The children and adults were fascinated by this amazing resource and it led to the children showing lots of curiosity!

Year 1



What a fun week we have had in Year 1 learning all about our different countries in the lead up to International Day. The children have been practising their performances for the assembly this morning which I'm sure you were very impressed by. They have also been learning lots of facts about the country their class has been learning about as well as doing art and other activities regarding it.



During mathematics this week, the children have been concentrating on ordering numbers, doubling and learning to count in fives.

In English, we have been finishing off our story unit and the children have been writing independently to show what they have learned. We are looking forward to moving on to a very exciting unit of English work next week. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.



This week we have been doing lots of preparation to get ready for 'International Day!' We started the week by deciding what recipes we wanted to cook from our chosen country, then we wrote shopping lists and thought about the cost of the products we needed to buy. We loved our trip to Carrefour and finding our way around the supermarket to find the ingredients we needed. We worked really hard to look around and ensure we found everything on our shopping lists. Later we used the ingredients we bought to cook our recipes, ready for everyone to try on 'International Day'. Cooking was really fun and our food was so tasty, we hope everyone enjoyed it too!

In our reading sessions this week, we had the chance to learn even more about our chosen countries for 'International Day' as our text was all about our countries. We really enjoyed asking and answering questions and using the text to help us to find the answers. It was also really interesting to learn some new facts and exciting information.



In our English lessons this week, we have started writing our own versions of the 'On the Way Home' story. We are trying to use all we have learnt about conjunctions, adjectives and different sentence types, to make our stories as exciting and well written as possible. We have planned so many good ideas our teachers can't wait to read our stories once they are all written!



Year 3

Year 3 have had an exciting start to the half term. Our assembly topic this week was all about celebrating diversity and there were interesting discussions in class about what we could learn from each other's cultures. We spent a lot of time getting ready for international day by making decorations and practising our performances. The children have all learned so much new information about the chosen countries and have been very excited to share this with their families.



In English, we began our new writing unit, The Wolves in the Walls. The children found the story very exciting and were eager to recreate the illustrations. They loved having a chance to draw wolves onto the walls around the classroom. We also thought about what adjectives we could use to describe the characters in the story and used this to write character descriptions.

In mathematics, we revised place value this week. We focused on the value on each digit in a number, partitioning numbers and finding ten more and less. Next week, we will be moving onto addition and subtraction so the children will be able to apply their place value knowledge to support their learning.



Year 4

We have had a busy first week back in year 4! As part of our T4W, we have been learning how to make the BFG's favourite snack - delicious snozzcumbers. We then had the challenge of creating a shopping list in mathematics, where we had to find out the cost of all of the ingredients ready for our trip to Carrefour. We had so much fun learning how to create a budget and learnt lots of new skills.

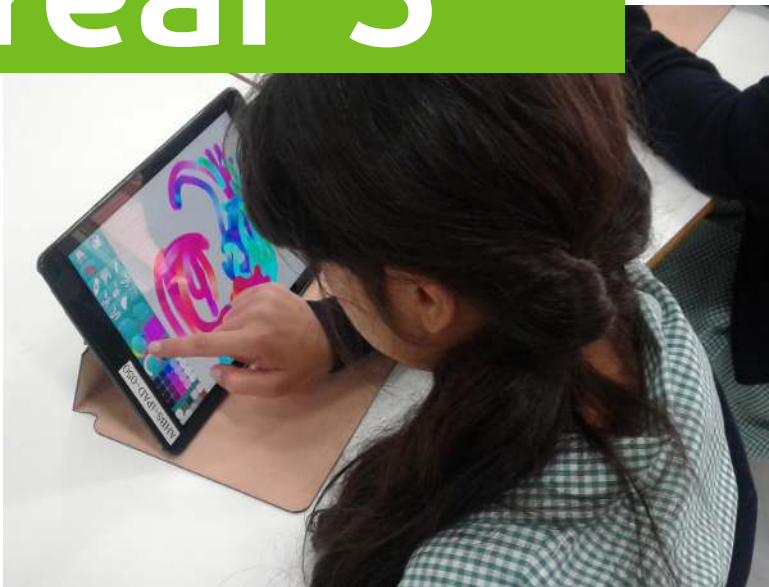


After this, we went to Carrefour to buy our ingredients. We thoroughly enjoyed being independent shoppers, making sure we had ticked off all of the items on our shopping list. When we returned to school, we used the recipe we had been learning in English to make the snozzcumbers. They turned out to be really delicious!

As well as all of this, we spent this week learning all about Argentina and Lithuania ready for International Day. It was so much fun learning traditional dances and we had the best time performing them to our friends and families.

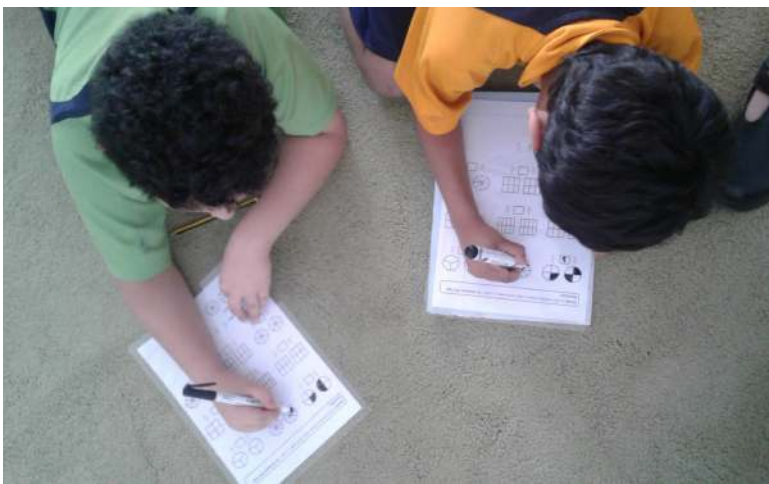


Year 5



This week in English, as part of our International Day celebrations we have been learning about writing postcards. We have looked at the features of a postcard and have thought carefully about the features in them. We will be researching countries and eventually writing postcards from all over the world!

In mathematics this week, we have continued our learning on fractions. We have learnt about fractions of amounts, how to multiply and simplify fractions by the highest common factor. We used practical resources to help us see how fractions can link to decimals and percentages! We have used mathletics to also help our learning about fractions.



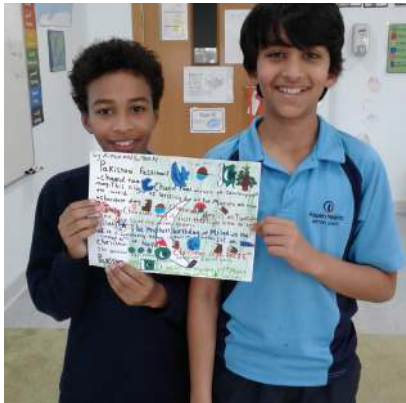
We have enjoyed making our own display all about the teachings of Sheik Zayed for National Day. We looked at quotes from Sheik Zayed and created speech bubbles to write down what we would ask him. We have also been busy creating presentations about our F1 work and looking at merchandise we could invent for our team brands - we came up with some really exciting ideas!



Year 6

Wow! We have had a fantastic start to the half term! The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about different countries and focusing on South Africa and Pakistan, including traditions, celebrations, food and drink, entertainment and much more! They worked really hard to perfect their International Day performances and enjoyed sharing and displaying everything they have found out!

In mathematics, our thinking skills have really been put to the test as we have had to consider how place value is affected when we add or subtract multiples of one thousand, ten thousand, one hundred thousand or even one million! The children could choose to use a range of practical resources to help them such as a place value grids.



In English, we have had great fun concluding our suspense stories, adding twists to our tales and sharing them with each other seeing who we could scare the most! We deepened our learning skills further by self-reflecting on our writing and making edits to improve it.



Oasis Class



We are back to school full of energy and ready to work after half term holidays. We met our new teacher Marsh and attended phonics lessons with FS2 class for the first time.

This week we have learned about feelings and emotions, our feelings affect every choice we make. We started with basic feeling words such as happy, mad, sad and scared, moving on to complex feeling words such as frustrated, angry, disappointed, and nervous. Learning about emotions makes us mentally strong, confident and defiant to express ourselves. We enjoyed playing with foam, bubble and playdough during sensory play and built a tower during structured play.

International day was great fun on Thursday, where we sang a song and learned more about our countries and color flags.



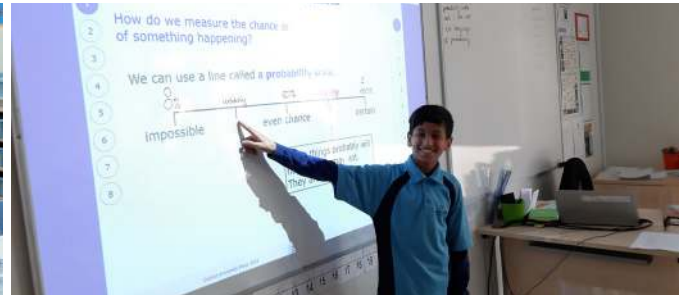
Year 7

In Science this week, we have been discovering the relationships between current, voltage and resistance.

This week in art, we have discovered how important proportions are in creating a self portrait. Students mapped out the facial proportions and started to examine how to draw from observation.

In our French lesson this week, we focused on describing where different towns and cities are located. We also discussed various countries where French is spoken and we are looking forward to sharing our research in the next lesson.

English lessons started off with a healthy review and focus on how to be successful in literature assessments. Pupils reviewed their answers and improved them. We have also read a lot from the novel this week - setting the correct pace for the coming weeks!



قام طلاب الصف السابع بدراسة قصة " للفقراء مجاناً" حيث قاموا بتحليل القصة إلى عناصرها الفنية ، و استنتجوا السمات الشخصية لشخصيات القصة و أثر كل صفة على سير أحداث القصة و نهايتها و المفارقة بين اللفظية و السياقية.

In Year 7 this week, we have started our second module of History. We are looking at the Battle of Hastings and the Norman Conquest of Great Britain. This will lead on to how William the Conqueror secured his rule of the country.

This week in Computing, we have been creating different images from Paint 3D. Paint 3D lets young students exercise their creativity.

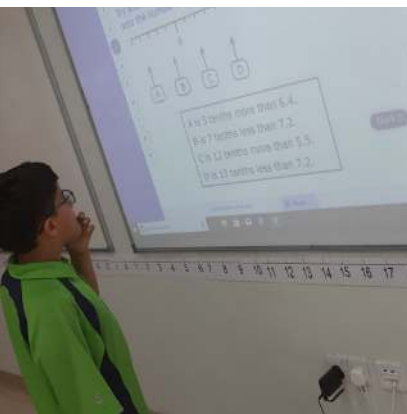


Year 8

In Science this week, we have been learning about gas exchange in the body. We have learned about the pathway that oxygen takes to get into our blood and how carbon dioxide is expelled.

In Mathematics, we practised rounding and ordering numbers (positive and negative integers and decimals). We also multiplied and divided decimals by decimals and we discovered what happens when we multiply or divide by 0.1, 0.01 and 0.01.

In Art this week, we have discovered how important proportions are in creating a self portrait. Did you know that our eyes are actually in the centre of our heads? Students mapped out facial proportions and started to examine how to draw from observation. We also examined and touched upon how to integrate symbolism into our work, thus creating a symbolic representation of ourselves. .



أما طلاب الصف الثامن فقد قاموا بدراسة قصيدة "أعطني النأي" للشاعر جبران خليل جبران، وشرحوا أبيات القصيدة و حللوا الصور البلاغية فيها و ميزوا التشخيص و التّجسيم مبينين قيمتها الفنية و أثرها على النصّ .

This week in French, we have been learning about where we live. We can now say where other towns and cities are located. We also noted the difference in preposition regarding towns/cities and countries.

This week in Computing, we have been creating different images from Paint 3D. Paint 3D lets young students exercise their creativity.

Success in English literature assessments requires assessment technique and strong question analysis skills. We started off this half-term reviewing our end of term literature assessments. Identifying key words and answering "Is this the answer the question wants?" is an essential skill for all pupils. In this week's reading of *The Secret Garden* we have met the characters Dickon, Mr Craven and Colin... And Mary has her piece of unwanted earth!

In Humanities, we are continuing our study of China. This week we have looked at 'Panda Diplomacy' and China's influences in foreign policy by loaning Pandas. This will be continued next week and will build up to China as a global power.



PE

We are delighted to welcome back our students who have returned refreshed and eager to learn after the mid term break. This half term we will be delivering our Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA) unit which will take us outside and able to enjoy some of the beautiful weather we are currently experiencing. The unit consists of lots of problem solving, teamwork and teambuilding activities, devising strategies to solve and figure out tasks set and learning how to read simple maps and plans.

Swimming

The Aspen Pool underwent maintenance over the holiday and is refilled and looking very inviting. We have carried out some final assessment this week in swimming and all students we are very happy to say have made some progress at the pool. This half term we will deliver some lessons on essential self life saving skills to our Key Stage 2 and 3 students whilst our Nursery, FS2 and Key Stage 1 students continue to work on building confidence and improving stroke technique.

Swim Team practice continues with some amazing progress being made in every training session. Years 2, 3 and 4 practice is during ECA on Mondays and Years 5,6,7 and 8 during ECA on a Tuesday.

The PE Team





بكل حماس و نشاط نستقبل هذا الأسبوع النصف الثاني من الفصل الدراسي الثاني، كما نستقبل طلاب آسبن الكرام بعد قضاء أوقات ممتعة و مميزة خلال العطلة. ونتمنى لهم جميعا مزيدا من النجاح و التوفيق خلال هذا الفصل. فقد تعرف طلاب الروضة على حرف جديد وهو الزاي كما تعرفوا على قصة الحرف و تناقشوا في الصف أحداثها وشخصياتها ثم أجابوا على الأسئلة المتعلقة بها. كما تعرفوا أيضا على كلمات تحتوي على حرف الزاي بعد ذلك قاموا بأنشطة مسلية وممتعة كعمل فردي أو ضمن مجموعات. تعرف طلاب السنة الأولى هذا الأسبوع على معلومات جديدة تتعلق بشخصيات القصة. أما طلاب السنة الثانية فقد تعرفوا على حرف الضاد بأصواته القصيرة والطويلة من خلال قصة ”ضفدوع يضيع في الضباب“ وقاموا بأنشطة مسلية وممتعة. استمتع طلاب السنة الثالثة بجمع معلومات عن الخلد من خلال أنشطة صفية هادفة مع التركيز على مهارة القراءة الجهرية الصحيحة.

استمتع طلاب الصف الرابع هذا الأسبوع بنص معلوماتي جديد عنوانه ”أين نجد السعادة؟“، كما تمكن طلاب السنة الخامسة من القراءة الجهرية لنشيد فكرة تبرز الحلم بتطبيق المسابقات الصفية الشيقة والداعمة للعملية التعليمية.

أما بالنسبة لطلاب السنة السادسة فقد راجعوا أنواع الخبر من خلال أنشطة فردية و جماعية متنوعة و تقييم مهاراتهم السابقة، أما طلاب الصف السابع فقد درسوا خلال هذا الأسبوع درس نحو بعنوان ” تركيب العطف ” حيث استطاع الطلاب التعرف على أركان تركيب العطف من معطوف ومعطوف عليه وحروف العطف ودلالة ومعنى كل حرف من حروف العطف، كما تمكن الطلاب توظيف تركيب العطف في كتاباتهم وتوظيفها كأداة من أدوات الربط . أما طلاب الصف الثامن فقد درسوا خلال هذا الأسبوع درس نحو ” المبنى للمجهول “ واستطاعوا التمييز بين الفعل المبني للمعلوم والفعل المبني للمجهول، وكيفية بناء الجملة للمجهول .





بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
 عودة حميدة بعد إجازة نصف الفصل الثاني يسودها التفاؤل والأمل نحو الأفضل دائماً في مادة التربية الإسلامية بأنشطتها المتنوعة الهادفة سلوكياً وأكاديمياً، وتحسين المستوى الفكري لأبنائنا الطلاب بمستوياتهم المختلفة، والتي نعتمد فيها على مهارات القرن 21 ليُخرج الطالب كل ما لديه من إبداع ومهارات ومعرفة كبيرة بهويته الوطنية، والعمل من جانبنا على ترسيخ ذلك في نفوسهم

ودرس طلاب الصف الخامس سورة الغاشية والصف السادس سورة النازعات وطلاب الصف السابع ما تيسر من سورة الملك والصف الثامن ما تيسر من سورة الرحمن .



Social Studies



هذا الأسبوع تم دمج وتنويع العديد من الأنشطة والإستراتيجيات التعليمية خلال الحصص الدراسية حيث قام طلاب الصف الثاني بتتبع الإنجازات التي قام بها الشيخ زايد ، أما طلاب الصف الثالث فقد تعرفوا على جهود الشيخ زايد في مدينة العين وأبوظبي في حين عدد طلاب الصف الرابع الأنشطة التراثية في دولة الإمارات وفيما يخص طلاب الصف الخامس فقد استنتجوا أسباب التلوث البيئي أما طلاب الصف السادس فقد ناقشوا جهود الشيخ زايد البيئية .

وفيما يخص المرحلة الثانوية فقد تنوعت موضوعاتهم بين تراثية واقتصادية حيث حدد طلاب الصف السابع جهود الشيخ زايد وإنجازاته في العديد من المجالات اما طلاب الصف الثامن فقد تعرفوا على العلاقات الإماراتية الأوروبية (بريطانيا) .



Music



In Music this week, we learned about the Handbell. Handbells have been used as a learning tool for more than a thousand years. Their origin is in the ninth century when they were devised to help medieval ringers practise the art of tower bell ringing. Hand held chimes were first developed in the 1980s. They offer a sound unlike any other instrument in an orchestra. Their attractive sound makes students motivated to learn this unique instrument. Handbells are easy to use, and can therefore be used by even the least musically inclined. Students immediately make music with these instruments through hands on participation.

