

Wellbeing:

This half term, children will learn about the importance of caring for the environment and animals. They will explore ways to protect natural spaces, such as reducing waste and recycling, and discuss how small actions can make a big difference. Children will also learn about the needs of animals and how to care for them responsibly, fostering empathy and respect for living creatures. Through hands-on activities, they will develop an understanding of their role in maintaining a healthy, balanced environment.

Communication and Language:

We are working on following 4 part instructions., eg “Can you stand, hop, clap your hands then sit down?” We will also try to follow instructions that follow a set sequence, using works like, “first, next, after that” in both our storytelling and social interactions. We are working on recognising when friends don’t understand us and trying to explain ourselves in a different way.

Physical Development:

This term we are further developing our fine motor skills by practicing purposefully cutting around shapes, not just in straight lines. Our gross motor skills are being strengthened through a range of different movements which we can fully control and we are working on developing our ball skills.

Expressive Arts and Design:

We will continue to develop our creative skills by creating different textures and making patterns with colour. We will look at traditional African art work and create a dance.

As citizens of the UAE, we will:

Show respect to those in different roles within our community and world around us.



GFS High Performance Learning



We have really loved learning how to be an Agile Alligator. We know if we are faced with a problem we can use our learning from across the curriculum to help us come up with the best solution. We understand how important it is to think of different solutions to a problem and to think outside the box. We will continue our High Performance Learning and will focus next on the Linking VAA. We will learn how to be an Linking Leopards in school and at home.



Amazing Animals!

Our focus for this half term will be Amazing Animals!’. The children will choose animals which interest them the most to focus on, whether this be farm, zoo or under the sea animals. We will learn new facts about animals, whilst exploring their habitat and how they survive. We will be tying our learning of animals into International day, offering opportunities to explore animals of the UAE. In Expressive arts and Design we will focus on traditional African Art and attempt our own. We will also choose a traditional African song and dance to learn.

Reading:

We will continue with Floppy’s Phonics, learning new sounds and Magic key words. We will continue to learn how to apply our Phonics skills to our reading when we are exploring books within our environment.

Writing:

We will continue to put our Phonics learning into practice by applying it to our writing tasks writing phonetically plausible words and sentences. We will learn how to correctly write a simple sentence using a capital letter at the beginning, finger spaces and a full stop at the end.

Mathematics:

This half term, children are focusing on key math concepts including exploring length through comparisons, learning about the composition and number bonds to 10 using part-whole models. They are also developing their knowledge of 3D shapes, identifying and comparing their properties.

Understanding the World:

This term, we will focus on plants and how they grow. We will identify and discuss what plants need to grow using pictures and objects. We will observe the growth and changes in plants over time while creating observational drawings. We will also introduce new scientific vocabulary to name the different parts of the plant as it grows.

GFS Curriculum Drivers linked to the National Agenda



Enterprise and Innovation	Eco and Environment	Inclusive Communities
In FS2 we will be learning how to be enterprising children over the course of the year.	We are all children who are concerned with the environment in FS2 and will be starting to understand respect for this.	As members of a community , we will be mindful of our treatment of each other. We will talk about how to treat the community and environment with love and respect.

Opportunities for Enrichment

School	Home
We will extending our language by asking questions about amazing animals.	Play games with us that encourage us to use our phonics skills. “There’s a dog, what sounds are in dog?” “We are writing our shopping list, can you help me, what sound does milk start with?”