

Diary Dates

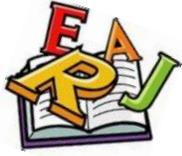
Date	Event	Information
Week beginning 22 January	International Week	Children will travel around the school to visit different countries and take part in special activities
Sunday 22 January	Specialists coffee morning	All parents welcome to meet specialist teachers for an informal chat in the café 8.15am
Thursday 26 January	International Day Celebrations	Children to dress in National costume or colours of their National flag. Parents welcome to attend and contribute to stalls that represent their home countries
Sunday 29 January	Primary Maths Week	Maths focused activities throughout the week
Monday 30 January	Open Evening for prospective parents. 5:00pm	Meet the Principal and Tour Booking required reception@amityabudhabi.ae Please inform friends or family who may be interested in joining Amity for the next academic year.
Monday 6 February	Sports day KG2 & G1 8.45am – 10.45am	Parents welcome to watch children take part in sport activities on the sports field.
Tuesday 7 February	Trip to Qasr al Hosn Grade 1	Details to follow. Subject to ADEC approval
Sunday & Monday 12-13 February	Half term	School closed
Thursday 16 February	G1 Theme Day – Australia Day	Children will be asked to dress up relating to the topic of Australia
Tuesday 21 February	Primary Open Morning 8:30am - 9:30am	Parents welcome to come in and see their children taking part in normal classroom activities
Sunday 26 February	World Book Week	Mystery Readers – Parents invited to come in and read to the class sshh it's a surprise!

This week

The children have really enjoyed their second week back at school and have shown excellent behaviour. We learned all about this month's **Value** of Tolerance and how we can show it every day. We role played scenarios in which we were tolerant to each other and accepted each others differences. ☺



In **Maths**, we have been learning about what a fraction is, what they look like and how we find a fraction of a shape, measurement or number. We will focused on $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$. It was fun!



In **English**, we learned about similes and used them to describe a setting from our **Lost and Found** story. We learned about speech marks and used them to show when a character was talking. We loved imagining what the characters were saying!

In **Topic**, we learned about what animals live in the Polar Regions and how they are adapted to live in their cold climate.

Specialists

Music



In music this week we listened to a song that was in the same style as 'Hands, feet, Heart', it was called 'The click song' and was a traditional South African song. We compared it to 'Hands, feet, heart' and talked about what we liked and didn't like about it. We found the pulse in the song and talked about the instruments we could hear. We practiced clapping out different rhythms whilst keeping in time with the pulse and changed our pitch by singing in low and high voices.

Science



In science we investigated and sketched habitats around the school and looked out for things that were living, dead and never alive. We used the acronym MRS GREN to help us decide. We learned lots of new vocabulary such as nutrition, growth and respiration.

Computing



This week we started our art unit. Our theme this week was Pixel Pointillism. We looked at the famous painter Georges Seurat and how he created art. We then recreated it using paint software.

Native Arabic



هذا الأسبوع تعلمنا عن :
- حرف السين بأشكاله المختلفة (أول الكلمة - وسط الكلمة - آخر الكلمة)
- حرف السين مع الحركات القصيرة ، والحركات الطويلة .
- حرف الهاء بأشكاله المختلفة (أول الكلمة - وسط الكلمة - آخر الكلمة)
- حرف الهاء مع الحركات القصيرة ، والحركات الطويلة .
- تمت قراءة الكلمات الخاصة بالحرفين داخل الصف .

Non-Native Arabic

This week our topic has been 'Animals in the barn'. We have used some of the new vocabulary in correct sentences. This has included the Arabic terms for 'Cat', 'Rabbit', 'Bird', 'Duck', 'Dog' and 'Hen'.

Next week we will translate some paragraphs, or sentences into English and we will use role play to help us act out a story about 'Animals in the barn'.

Native Islamic

هذا الأسبوع معاً آداب النظافة في الإسلام, والأسبوع القادم بإذن الله درس المسلم عون أخيه. برجاء لصق أوراق العمل التي يتم إرسالها مع الطلاب في الدفتر .

Non-Native Islamic

This week:

1. Name the mountain and cave where the prophet used to sit
2. Identify at what age Muhammad (SA) became a prophet

Next week:

Recite and memorise Surat - A I - Ala

Social Studies



مادة الدراسات الاجتماعية والتربية الوطنية G1

- في هذا الأسبوع استكمل الطلاب درس ملابس رمزي هويتي والتعرف على ملابس النساء والبنات مع التمييز بينه وبين ملابس الرجال والأولاد.
- الواجب لصق صور للملابس الوطنية بدولة الإمارات في الدفتر الأخضر الخاص بالمادة. أي استفسار أرجو التواصل معي على البريد الإلكتروني المدرسة dalia.a@amityabudhabi.ae.
- الرجاء التأكد من وجود الكتاب المدرسي والدفتر في حقيبة الطالب (يوم الثلاثاء من كل أسبوع)

PE



This week Grade 1 children continued training outdoors and enjoying our Track and Field events. The children learnt the crouch start for sprinting events and performed this skill in pairs. Each partner was coaching the other partner by observing them and suggesting ways to perform the skill better. I was very pleased to see the way the children acted as little coaches ☺. Grade 1 have also started learning and performing javelin throwing, applying their overarm throwing skills they learnt in Term 1. We concluded the lesson with a sprinting relay race and the children have shown excellent understanding of the sprinting relay concept and the baton exchange skill. Get ready for the Sports Day Grade 1!

Swimming



This week Grade 1 children have started working on their breast stroke legs and performed different drills to master the skill. Breast stroke is one of the strokes that consumes effort and time to learn and master. Therefore, Grade 1 will continue working on this stroke and revisiting the other strokes they started learning last term, front crawl and back stroke. Children were as usual divided into groups according to their abilities and level of performance, which helped them to refine their skills in a more productive way.



Star of the Week

<i>G1 Tiger Ray Class</i>	Anica	Anica for her exemplary effort in learning every day. She always listens beautifully, wants to do her best and is really helpful around the class. Keep up the super work Anica.
<i>G1 Electric Ray Class</i>	Maximilliano	Max has been trying very hard in all subject areas this week. He has shown confidence in halving numbers and retold the story of Lost and Found to the whole class using a story map. Great effort Max, keep it up!
<i>G1 Manta Ray Class</i>	Robin	Robin has been listening beautifully in class and worked so hard to learn and write about the Lost and Found story. Well done Robin!
<i>G1 Sting Ray Class</i>	Falah	Falah for being a superstar all week. He has been listening and concentrating and working really hard. He always comes into school with a smile on his face and we are really proud of his progress.

Reminders

**DON'T
FORGET**

Please can you bring in shoe boxes- we want to make shoe box habitats in science. Thank you.

The week ahead

In Maths we will continue to look at fractions and focus on looking at thirds.

In English we are identifying the features of a lost story and we will then invent and write our own lost tales closely following the original story with a focus on connectives and interesting openers.



In topic we will be learning how housing, clothing, animals and transport are different in the UAE to the Polar Regions. We will understand how these must be different in order to survive in such a cold climate.

In Science we will be identifying and naming a variety of plants and animals in their habitats. We will be recording data and identifying animals in their habitats.

Next week is also international week. The children will be visiting different countries to learn about their traditions, music and clothing. During the international day, the children will be able to have a look at many stalls that will have information about different countries. They will be able to taste some delicious traditional foods from each country. We can't wait!

Have a lovely weekend,

The Grade 1 team ☺

Miss Natalie, Miss Alison, Miss Louise and Miss Kirsty

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