

Date	Event	Information
11- 15 Sept 2016	Eid holiday	School will be closed
18 Sept 2016	Return to school	All lessons resume as normal



This week

It has been a busy week in Grade 1. All the children have settled in excellently and have built close relationships with their classmates already! The children have been working so hard completing their assessments and have shown us that they have remembered many things that they learned last year. Well done!

This month's value is 'Teamwork' and we completed various team work activities that encouraged speaking, listening and collaboration of all children. Each team worked hard to make the longest paper chain and a Team Web. We feel very proud of ourselves!



In Maths, we learned about how numbers are made up of tens and units. We sequenced numbers from smallest to largest and even wrote numbers in words! We loved using the Numicon maths equipment to understand the value of the numbers.

In English, we worked in pairs to write and perform our own version of the poem 'Do You like Ketchup on Your Head'. We talked about adjectives and punctuation such as exclamation marks and question marks and how these can make our writing more exciting. We were able to self-assess our own work to ensure we had used all the skills we had learnt. We loved using different actions to help us remember the different punctuation.



In Science, we discussed our new topic 'Animals -Including Humans'. We were able to match animals to their offspring and discovered how animals change as they grow. We learnt lots of new vocabulary such as 'mammal', 'offspring', and 'carnivore'.

Specialists

Music

We were so excited to explore our new music room at Amity and really enjoyed looking at all the instruments and discovering what sound they could make. We focused on rhythm and successfully played back a beat to our teacher using an instrument we selected. It was fun! Miss Orna our music teacher will be teaching us after Eid.



Arabic Non-Native

This week we have learnt some vocabulary about 'School Life'. We have been putting our new vocabulary into sentences. We examined masculine and feminine nouns.



Islamic Native

هذا الأسبوع أجرينا معاً الاختبار التشخيصي (تحديد المستوى) وتم مراجعة ما درسناه سابقاً في مادة التربية الإسلامية.

Islamic Non-Native

This week. We will learn about our creator.

Next week: We will learn about Allah names Al-Khaliq, Allah is Al-Musawwir

PE

This week Grade 1 children have enjoyed participating in relay games and ball games which focused on their hand-eye co-ordination using a ball. I was impressed that many Grade 1 children have shown a good level of skill and co-ordination. This is something that we will continue to practice and refine over the coming weeks.



Swimming



This week Grade 1 revised the swimming pool rules and the safety aspects they need to know when using the swimming pool area.

They have also learnt:

- Safe entry and exit to the water
- A direction game warm up which has helped them to move confidently in the water and in different directions.
- Leg kicks and a breathing warm up

We finished with a swimming assessment of their skills. Well done!

Please note that as of next week, if a child comes to swimming without a swimming cap, they will not be permitted to swim: "No cap, No swimming!"

Star of the Week



The Star of the Week in *Tiger Ray Class* is going to **Avoub** for doing tremendously well in his reading and maths assessments! Well done!

The Star of the week in *Electric Ray Class* goes to **Sofia** for showing exemplary behaviour and being a role model for all the other children. Excellent work!

The Star of the week in *Manta Ray Class* goes to **Rima** for trying her best in all her assessments and for always being on task. Super work!

The Star of the week in *Sting Ray Class* goes to **Andy** for showing exemplary behaviour and being a role model for all the other children. Keep it up!

The week ahead

Next week in English, we starting a new book related to keeping fit. We will read, retell and write the story using all the skills we have learnt so far this term. We will practice again using capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks and question marks. We will be using exciting adjectives to make our writing more descriptive.



In Maths, we will be learning about place value. We will make numbers practically using dines, numicon equipment and number beads. We will learn new vocabulary such as: value, more than, less than, equal, tens, units and hundreds.

In our topic work we will continue to learn about keeping fit. We will look at healthy eating and how exercise helps us keep fit.



Reminders

Please remember to bring a Book Bag or a large plastic wallet (with a closing zipper or stud) for carrying a library book and reading books.

Many thanks for your support so far this term,

Have a lovely Eid break.

Grade 1 ☺

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