

Al Ashraf Newsletter

Spring Term Newsletter 2014

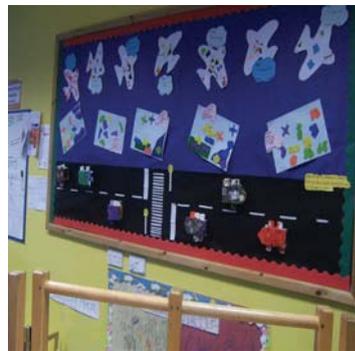
Assalamu alaikum WW

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2014. The newsletters are a great way of updating you on what we have been up to, any future events and an opportunity to share news. If you have anything you would like us to add to any future newsletters, please let us

know.

Alhumduillah we have had a very busy, exciting and fun filled spring term. Some of the topics the pre-school children have studied this term are:

- People who help us
- Pirates
- Planets



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Dates for your Diary:

- Last day of term - Thursday 3rd April
- Nursery reopens - Tuesday 22nd April

Each day in the nursery room the children participate in challenging, creative, stimulating and fun activities. The activities and lessons planned link to seven areas of learning and development:

Personal, Social and Emotional development, Communication and Language, Literacy, Physical Development, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design and Mathematics.

The children's ideas and interests lead the planning for activities. Some of the fun activities you may have heard your children talk about this term include:

Dressing up Planets Computer Exploration

Cookery Pirates Masjid Telescopes

Fireman Buildings Kites

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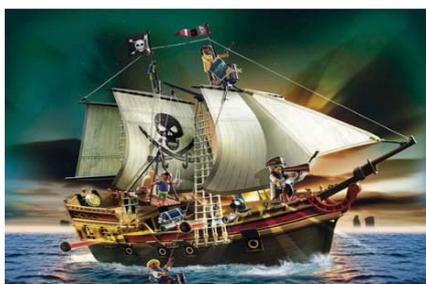
People Who Help us

We looked at how the Police help us and what important jobs they do. We introduced the children to the number 999 and they role played making an emergency phone call. The children made their very own police hats and hand cuffs.

We were fortunate to have a visit from the local fire brigade. The children were very excited to take a look around the fire engine, they climbed aboard and tried on the fireman's helmet. They all commented on how loud the siren was. We discussed the importance of fire safety to help children develop better understanding of fire and the consequences of its misuse. We also looked at the various colours of a flame from deep red/orange to blue.

Pirates

The "Pirates" theme this term was child initiated. The topic was very popular with the children and a favourite phrase with them was "Ahoy matey." As a creative activity the children made pirate hats, eye patches and telescopes. In the Makkah room the climbing frame was converted to a pirate ship, which the children really enjoyed. The children listened to many pirate stories which was read to them by the Nursery Apas. The children thoroughly enjoyed these activities. The highlight of the topic for the children was the treasure hunt!



Planets

The children have been exploring the solar system. The children have become familiar with the planets and their names. In addition to this we created our own planets using various creative resources. We discussed how the moon and the planets orbit the sun. The children used their imagination and pretended to be astronauts in role play.

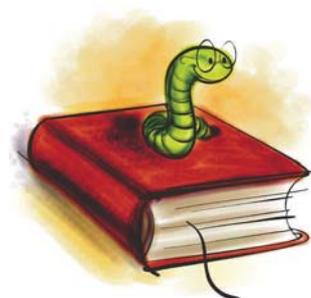


World Book day

World Book day was a very exciting and busy day at Al-Ashraf Nursery. All the children and staff members dressed up as characters from their favourite book. Staff read different stories to the children. We all had great fun!! Books were made available to children at less than half the retail price. We are very grateful to all our parents for helping us celebrate World Book Day.

Reading books

Reading to your child, talking about the stories and pictures in all types of books with your child is a vital part of helping your child develop their literacy skills. This will also help their communication and language develop.



Islamiyaat

The Prophet we have been learning about this term is Nabee Sulaimaan (A.S).

We have learnt:

- Nabee Sulaimaan (A.S) was the son of Nabee Dawood (A.S)
- He treated everyone equally
- He became a king
- His people loved him
- His special gift was he was able to understand the language of animals.
- Allah gave Nabee Sulaimaan (A.S) control over the wind.
- We also learnt that Nabee Sulaimaan built a Masjid.



Good Deeds

Alhamdulillah, we have now introduced Islamic stories on a weekly basis. Currently, we have been learning about being good, obedient Muslims and carrying out good deeds. It's pleasing to say that the morals from these stories have been reflected in our children around the nursery. J.K for your support in aiding your child to be creative and in completing the good deeds calendar, which was extremely pleasing.

Sunnah of the month

To be good to ones neighbours

Arabic Alphabet foundation level

Alhamdulillah, it's extremely admirable to know that our children are motivated in participating in their Arabic lessons. Some of our foundation pupils have made great progress and have now advanced onto half and whole letters. We hope to continue aiding them in their learning through worksheets I.A.

Rising 3's

Spring

In spring, the topic of our focus was mini beasts. The children enjoyed listening to the story of "The very hungry Caterpillar". The children learnt about the life cycle of a cocoon and its transformation into a beautiful butterfly. We had lots of fun creating caterpillars, butterflies, bees, spiders and we learnt a new nursery rhyme "Insy winsy spider." In addition to this the children made their very own caterpillar out of bread dough.



Transport

The children learnt about the different types of transport such as cars, buses, aeroplanes and trains. We discussed their different sizes and the sounds that they make.



Nasheed

This nasheed was exclusively written for Al-Ashraf Nursery children by our Nursery Manager Khatija Apa Panchbhaya. Our children have thoroughly enjoyed learning and singing this nasheed. Many of you may recognize it as your children may be singing at home.

Al-Ashraf Ni'mat Nasheed

These are some apples for you and me,
We eat them to make us grow strong,
So let us be glad,
And say Alhumdulliah,
And praise Allah all day long,



This healthy milk is for you and me,
We drink it to make us grow strong,
So let us be glad,
And say Alhumdulliah,
And praise Allah all day long.

This wholesome bread is for you and me,
We eat it to make us grow strong,
So let us be glad,
And say Alhumdulliah,
And praise Allah all day long.

This yummy chicken is for you and me,
We eat it to make us grow strong,
So let us be glad,
And say Alhumduillah,
And praise Allah all day long.



All these are ni'mats for you and me,
We eat them to make us grow strong,
So let us be glad,
And say Alhumdulliah,
And praise Allah all day long.

Other Important Info

Updated information

Please ensure all data pertaining to your child is updated such as changes in your child's medical condition, Also it is very important for us to be able contact you especially in case of an emergency and when the need arises.

If you have a question about the nursery, you can contact:

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