

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We starting our first year in school and we are all so excited! This term we will be focusing on settling ourselves into the routines of school life. Together, we will be learning how to come into school confidently and independently, with support from our teachers. We will explore our classroom to feel more secure and comfortable in our new setting. We will also be exploring our feelings, how we can begin to regulate these feelings, and identify what makes us feel that way.

## Communication and Language:

After a long time away from being around other children, and for some of us, our first ever experience of other children, this term we are going to spend lots of time practicing how to use our words to communicate with each other and our teachers. For some of us, this will be one or two words and others, simple sentences. We will also be practicing our listening skills which will include listening to each other and stories.

## Physical Development:

There's lots that we need to get busy with to support our physical development over the course of the year in FSI, including gross motor and fine motor development. This term, we will be start by engaging in activities which encourage us to think about our own space in the classroom and also in small group games. We will also start developing our fine motor skills with activities including threading and mark making.

## 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 are very proud to be one of the few schools in Dubai who have adopted HPL (High Performance Learning). As part of this, we will be focusing on the three Values, Attitudes and Attributes (VAAs) over the course of the year. These will be 'Hardworking Hedgehog', 'Empathetic Elephant' and 'Agile Alligator'. This term, we will be spending a lot of time settling in so we will be starting to dig deeper with these after the October half term, starting with the Hardworking Hedgehog. We look forward to finding out more about these VAAs very soon!



## All About Me!

This is our topic for our first exciting weeks in FSI, which we will be exploring together throughout the term. We will be exploring our new classroom environment, creating our learning expectations within the environment, meeting new friends and sharing all about our families and what makes us so special.

These themes will form the basis of a variety of activities set up within our classrooms every day.



## GFS Curriculum Drivers linked to the National Agenda



### Enterprise and Innovation

In FSI, we will be learning how to be **enterprising children** over the course of the year.

### Eco and Environment

We are all children who are **concerned with the environment** in FSI and will be starting to understand respect for this.

### Inclusive Communities

**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.

## Reading:

We love books here at GFS and can't wait to start looking at different stories this term such as 'Brown Bear Brown Bear'. We will start some early phonics activities which encourage us to start thinking about different sounds around us.

## Writing:

In FSI, we are starting to develop our mark making and writing skills. This term, our teachers will be organizing activities which allow us to have a go at developing these skills and have a go at writing our name, if we are ready.

## Mathematics:

As developing early mathematicians, we need to have a secure understanding of what numbers are and how we can use them to problem solve and reason. This term we will be starting with numbers 1 and 2 using concrete, pictorial, abstract and reasoning.

## Understanding the World:

We are excited to be a part of the GFS community and this term will spend some time starting to find out about ourselves and each other. We will be exploring the small world resources in our classrooms, such as animals and cars and start talking about our experiences with these in our play.

## Expressive Arts and Design:

There are lots of opportunities for us to show off our creative side as we kick off the year, including our drawing, painting, singing and dancing skills.

## Opportunities for Enrichment

School	Home
Express our creative side through our creative learning areas and demonstrate a sense of pride in what we produce.	We love stories and books; this is one of the most important things you can do at home with your children. Continue to read your favourite stories and talk, talk, talk!