

Wellbeing:

In our second term we will be focusing on how to be a good friend by sharing and taking turns. We will also see how we can enjoy carrying out small acts of responsibility, e.g. wipe the table, put away the books. And also begin to understand the importance of healthy food choices. We will be learning how to regulate our emotions when we feel upset and/or angry. We will also be learning all about healthy eating and how we can ensure we are keeping both our minds and bodies healthy with the food and movements that we do every day.

Communication and Language:

We will continue to develop our speaking and listening skills by using simple sentences when we speak and learning to take turns in conversation. We will also learn new vocabulary related to our topics and story books. Lots of learning of repeated refrains will take place reading our texts this month. We will practise using this vocabulary in the correct context.

Physical Development:

This half term is super exciting for us as we are preparing for our first ever Sports Day. For eg—how we can balance on one leg for a few seconds. There will be lots of opportunities to take part in team and group games which helps us improve our listening, attention and social skills too. We will learn how to maintain an upright sitting position or standing position for at least 5 minutes without leaning on other people or furniture.

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 Empathetic Elephant. It has been so much fun bringing home our HPL mascot each week and documenting how we are HPL learners at home as well as in school. This half term we will learn all about how to be an Agile Alligator. We will look at our Agile Alligator story and discuss ways in which we can showcase this type of learning in our environment and include these skills to our everyday lives.



Our focus for this term will be on physical health, looking after our environment and repeated refrains in literacy. As we will be preparing for our first ever Sports Day, gross motor skills and comprehension of games is a big focus for us. Exploring different ways of moving, engaging ourselves in daily physical activities and paying attention to how our bodies move are all aspects we will cover this half term. We will also be getting ready to attend our first ever school trip! Lots of preparation will be happening in school to ensure we keep ourselves safe, understand rules and expectations and most importantly, experience learning in a new setting! During the lead up to our trip we will have lots of opportunity to discuss the importance of keeping the park litter free and looking after the plants.

Reading:

This half term we will be reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We will understand how story is structured. We will also be introducing the term 'blending' in our phonics lessons to progress within our pre-reading skills. This half term we will introduce our Secret Reader. Yay!

Writing:

We will be continuing our 'Big Write' this half term. We will also be introducing blending and segmenting in our phonics lessons. This term we will know that writing is meaningful eg write a card for mummy etc. Also making connections between actions and the marks being made.

Mathematics:

Our focus this half term will be about learning the concept of cardinality. We will learn about sorting objects using one simple criteria e.g. colour. We will use informal language such as 'stripy' 'pointy' when sorting objects. We will learn about comparing quantities and understand spatial awareness.

Understanding the World:

We will be building up our knowledge of the world around us by looking at the importance of cause and effect. We will be highlighting this aspect through our trip to the park—importance of not littering, looking after the plants around us and how we could clean dirty water.

Expressive Arts and Design:

We like to create new ideas using our imagination. We will learn how to source and use a range of familiar materials to build and construct in play.

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. To develop an understanding of what it means to be healthy and make healthy choices.



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.

Opportunities for Enrichment

School

We will be thinking critically about how to solve problems in 2/3 steps in small groups whilst being agile alligators.

Home

We will be setting up recycling bins in our homes this half term to encourage concern for our environment outside of school.

