

### Wellbeing:

We are back 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 also start to explore the class promises we need to remember in school this year, including learning how to, not only play with friends in our class, but also how to take turns. We are looking forward to making lots of new friends in class.

### Communication and Language:

For some of us, we are returning back to school after a long summer break, and for others, this is our very first experience of school. Therefore, this term we are going to spend lots of time practicing how to use our words to communicate with each other and our teachers. We will use 'Photo of the Day' to extend our sentences and share ideas with our friends about what we can see. We will also apply this into listening and responding to some of our favourite stories.

### Physical Development:

We will be working hard to develop our physical development over the course of the year in FS2, including gross motor and fine motor development. This term, we will be start by engaging in different movement games that help us to develop our spatial awareness in our PE lessons. We will also start to develop our fine motor and gross motor skills by taking part in dough discs, threading and mark making activities.

### 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



HARD WORKING



EMPATHETIC



AGILE



LINKING

We are very proud to be one of the few schools in Dubai who is an accredited World Class HPL school (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', 'Agile Alligator'. We will also explore the Advanced, Cognitive Performance characteristic 'Linking Leopard'. 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 HPL very soon!



FIERY PHOENIXES



EARTH FROGS



WATER WOLVES



AIR DRAGONS

### It's Good to Be Me!

This is our focus for our first term which we will be breaking down and exploring the theme 'It's good to be me!'. We will be learning our new class routines, rules and expectations. Our work will focus on the themes of ourselves, our family and our friends. We will be building positive relationships with our friends and learning to listen to one another and take turns. We will meet our new specialist teachers for Music, Arabic and PE. How exciting!



### Reading:

We love books here at GFS and can't wait to start exploring new stories this term as well as talking about them. We will start our Floppy Phonics programme this term where we will be introduced to new letters and the sounds.

### Writing:

In FS2, we will be developing our mark making and writing skills. This term, our teachers will be supporting the children with practicing their letter formation and writing their names with some independence. We will also be encouraging lots of purposeful writing in the provision linked to the children's interests.

### 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 up to 10 and delving into different ways of representing these numbers.

### Understanding the World:

We are so excited to learn all about our new friends. We will be sharing family photographs and discussing what we love about our families as well as beginning to recognise some similarities and differences between us all. We are also super excited to explore and investigate the natural world around us!

### Expressive Arts and Design:

We are ready to get creative and arty with exploring new different materials in the classroom to make our own masterpieces. We will be learning new songs and actions to perform with musical instruments.

### GFS Curriculum Drivers linked to the National Agenda



#### Enterprise and Innovation

In FS2, we will be learning how to be **enterprising children** over the course of the year taking risks and thinking of our own ideas.

#### Eco and Environment

We are all children who are **concerned with the environment** and understanding what it means to be sustainable. We are finding different ways to protect the world we live in.

#### 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	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!