

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development:**

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 learning the rules we need to remember in school this year, including learning how to, not only play with friends in our class, but also how to turn take. What a fun start to the year we have planned.

**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. For most of us, this will include talking using simple sentences and learning to take turns in conversation. We will also apply this into listening and responding to some of our favourite 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 FS2, 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 during PE. We will also start developing our fine motor skills with activities including mark making.

**As citizens of the UAE, we will:**

Show respect to those in different roles within our community and world around us.



High Performance Learning  
GFS High Performance Learning

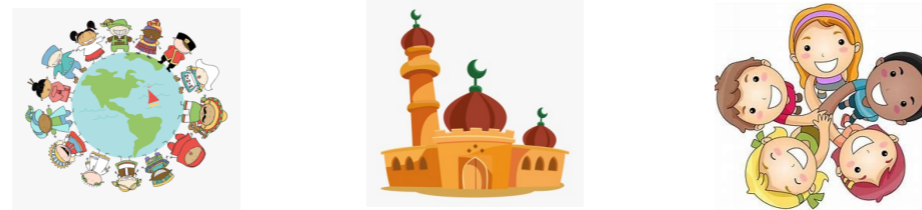


We are very proud to be one of the few schools in Dubai who have adopted HPL (High Performance Learning). As part of this, we will be focusing on the three Values, Attitudes and Attributes (VAAs) over the course of the year. These will be 'Hardworking Hedgehog', 'Empathetic Elephant', 'Agile Alligator' and '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 these VAAs very soon!



All About Me

This is our focus for our first term which we will be breaking down and exploring the theme 'All About Me'. This will include talking to each other about ourselves, our families, our cultures and our experiences. We can't wait to find out more about each other.



GFS Curriculum Drivers linked to the National Agenda

<p><b>Enterprise and Innovation</b></p> <p>In FSI, we will be learning how to be <b>enterprising children</b> over the course of the year.</p>	<p><b>Eco and Environment</b></p> <p>We are all children who are <b>concerned with the environment</b> in FSI and will be starting to understand respect for this.</p>	<p><b>Inclusive Communities</b></p> <p>As <b>members of a community</b>, 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.</p>

**Reading:**

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

**Writing:**

In FS2, we are developing our mark making and writing skills. This term, our teachers will be organizing fun activities which allow us to have a go at developing this, including writing our names and letter formation.

**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 5 and delving into different ways of representing these numbers.

**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.