

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

During this half term, we will be embedding our play and social skills through everything we do. Collaborating with friends, asking others to join us and involving peers in our play is a wonderful way for us to strengthen these play skills and make learning so much fun. Using our learning skills of being empathetic elephants really helps us in this area.

Communication and Language:

This half term we will be deepening our communication and language skills by reasoning and asking questions. Asking questions such as 'why?' and 'how?' will deepen our understanding of our learning topics. We will also continue to use our super sentences with even more detail and include all of the wonderful vocabulary we have learned this year.

Physical Development:

We have been working so hard to develop both our gross and motor skills over the year. This half term we will be doing lots of activities based on fine motor to get our hand muscles strengthened to continue our writing journey. Squiggle whilst you wiggle and letter formation morning time are two ways we will be emphasizing this in our classrooms. As it begins to get hotter, our physical development focus will be dance.

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



This year we have introduced Hardworking Hedgehog, Empathetic Elephant and Agile Alligator. We have loved reading their stories and finding out different ways they can be used within the classroom every day! Within our learning environment, we have embedded challenge cards to further the children's learning skills throughout their day which also helps embed our HPL language



Our focus for this term will be on reflection and moving towards change in the future. As FSI is most of our children's first ever experience with school, it can be quite daunting at the thought of changing classroom in a new building, a new teacher and some new friends too. During this final half term, we want to equip our children with the life skills of resilience, the power of change and the confidence that they will continue to be amazing as they move into FS2. The transition into FS2 will be continuous over this half term to ensure they are as best prepared as possible. We can't wait to see how our youngest GFS children grow, flourish and succeed into the next chapter of their learning journey.

Reading:

This half term we will be reading non-fiction books based all around growing up and what we would like to be when we grow up. We will be moving on to learning some new letter sounds in phonics 'm', 'd', 'o' and 'g' to read CVC words

Writing:

We are going to be super busy writing! We will be writing a letter to our new teacher in FS2 drawing pictures of our favourite things to learn about. We will also be practicing labeling our drawing using the new letter sounds we have learned so far this term.

Mathematics:

Our focus this half term will be all about addition and subtraction. We will be comparing groups of objects and counting how many altogether, as well as seeing how many objects we have left from a group after taking some away. Lots of word problems will be used during this half term.

Understanding the World:

This half term we will be exploring all about people and communities. We will be exploring the different types of occupations around the world and discussing what we would like to be when we grow up. We will even have some guest speakers come to FSI! How exciting!

Expressive Arts and Design:

To end our 'Growing Up' topic, we will be performing our first ever LIVE end of year concert for our friends and families on stage in our big performance hall!

GFS Curriculum Drivers linked to the National Agenda



Enterprise and Innovation	Eco and Environment	Inclusive Communities
In FSI we will be learning how to be enterprising children over the course of the year.	We are all children who are concerned with the environment in FSI and will be starting to understand respect for this.	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
We will be thinking critically about how to solve problems in 2/3 steps in small groups whilst being agile alligators	We will be setting up recycling bins in our homes this half term to encourage concern for our environment outside of school