

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

In our second half term we will be focusing on self-regulation. Self-regulation is such an important part of our children's everyday lives and recently included in the updated EYFS framework. For this we will be learning how to listen closely to our friends needs and wants and responding appropriately, taking turns and choosing different ways to communicate feelings such as frustration, impatience and sadness

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. Encouraging super sentences both at home and at school is a big focus for us!

Physical Development:

This half term is super exciting for us as we are having a go at learning lots of different types of games. These include listening and attention games, tag games and even singing games! Not only do they help us with our communication skills and gross motor skills, but they are SO much fun! FSI teachers will be sharing their own favourite school games with their classes

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 language development and regulating our emotions. This past year has been super difficult for lots of children and families in FSI. We want to develop strong, independent, confident and resilient children who can take on the world as they grow up. Acknowledging that all people feel a variety of emotions when something happens to them brings huge awareness to young children. Our goal this half term is to identify these different emotions and find ways to help us regulate ourselves when we feel overwhelmed with our feelings. We also want our children to be able to express themselves confidently, therefore speaking and extending vocabulary is very important.

Reading:

This half term we will be reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'The Gruffalo'. We will focus on story structures and retelling familiar stories. In phonics, we will begin phase 2 with the sounds 's', 'a', 't', 'p', 'i' and 'n'

Writing:

We are going to be super busy writing! We will be creating missing posters for Goldilocks and use descriptive language to create amazing Gruffalo drawings. We will be using our new phonetic knowledge to label these pictures using initial letter sounds.

Mathematics:

Our focus this half term will be all about size and measuring. Introducing important vocabulary such as 'big', 'medium', 'small', 'long' and 'short' will enable us to use mathematic language in our everyday learning and differentiate objects by size and length.

Understanding the World:

This half term we will be exploring changing states. For this we will be looking at different ways materials can change dependent on what has been added to them or taken away and commenting on these changes. I wonder what will happen when we try to make porridge for Baby Bear?

Expressive Arts and Design:

To end our 'Once Upon A Time' topic, we will be performing our very own version of one of our core texts. We are so excited to share it with our GFS FSI community!

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