

Dar-ul-Madinah

An Islamic School System

Autumn 1: Edition 3



This week in nursery, the children have been exploring the sense of smell as part of our ongoing sensory learning theme. It's been a wonderful week full of curiosity, creativity, and discovery!

To support their learning, a range of exciting activities were set up for the children to explore different scents in fun and engaging ways. Some highlights included:

Scented Playdough – The children loved making their own playdough and adding their favourite scents. From fruity to floral, they experimented with different combinations and shared their ideas with each other.

Decorating Sunflowers – As part of our creative play, the children made and decorated their own sunflowers, incorporating scented elements to stimulate their sense of smell.

Teddy Comes to Tea (Role Play) – The role play area was transformed into a tea party for the children and their teddies, giving them opportunities to use their imagination and talk about the smells of different foods and drinks.

Reading Corner – Many children enjoyed quiet time in the reading area, looking at books related to senses and talking about the smells mentioned in the stories.

Sensory Bottles – Children also had the opportunity to create their own sensory bottles, choosing from a range of scented materials and watching how the contents moved and mixed.

It's been lovely to see the children so engaged in their learning, confidently using descriptive language and showing curiosity about the world around them.



Arabic & Islamic Studies

Alhamdulillah, this week in Islamic Studies, the children have been learning about the Sunnah of drinking and how it reflects the blessings we receive from Allah SWT in our daily lives. Through storytelling, role play, and practical demonstrations, the children explored how the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ would drink water – beginning with saying "Bismillah", drinking in three sips, sitting down, using the right hand, and ending by saying "Alhamdulillah". They reflected on the importance of gratitude for something as simple yet vital as water, recognizing it as a precious gift from Allah SWT. The Ustadhas also helped the children understand how following the Sunnah not only teaches us good manners but brings us closer to the Prophet ﷺ and strengthens our love for Islam. The children enjoyed practicing the Sunnah themselves using cups of water, and many were excited to share what they had learned with their families at home!

Term 1 (37 days)	
End of term for children	Wednesday 22 nd October 2025
Inset Day	Thursday 23 rd October 2025
Holiday	27 th – 31 st October 2025
Term 2 (35 days)	
Inset Day	Monday 3 rd November 2025
Start	Tuesday 4 th November 2025
End of term for children	Friday 19 th December 2025
Holidays	22 nd December 2025– 2 nd January 2026

Reminders:

- Please ensure all clothing, bags, and bottles are clearly labelled.
- Please ensure that spare nappies, wipes, and spare clothing are provided at the beginning of the week in your child's bag.
- Please provide (if you have not already), £1 per week for snack or £7 for the term.
- For children who are three years old or approaching three, we kindly request that parents begin potty training. Developmentally, children should not be in nappies after the age of three.
- Please ensure the children have suitable clothing, footwear, suncream , sun hats ect as it will be warmer in the coming months.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan for your continued support and involvement in your children's learning journey.