

# Dar-ul-Madinah

## An Islamic School System

### Autumn 1: Edition 4



This week in nursery, the children have been exploring the amazing world around them and appreciating the wonderful gifts Allah has given us, especially our sense of sight. We've been focusing on the blessings of sight and exploring the world around us through fun, hands-on activities that highlight the beauty of Allah's creation. The children made their own binoculars and excitedly went on a bug hunt!

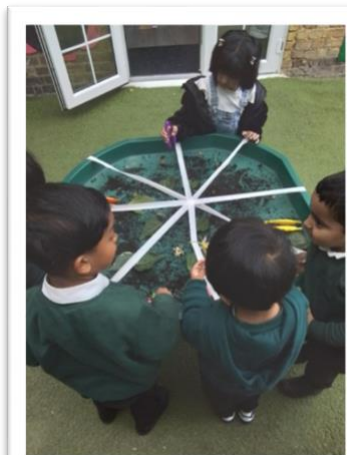


They searched for insects, collected leaves, and explored natural resources outdoors — observing closely and noticing the beauty in Allah's creation. Using the natural items they found, the children created their very own autumn collages. This creative activity helped them express their appreciation for nature and the changing seasons.



In our sensory area, the children enjoyed exploring coloured rice and searching for hidden mini beasts. This helped to develop their fine motor skills while continuing the theme of observation and discovery.

The children also enjoyed making their own play dough using autumn-themed colours like red, orange, yellow, and brown. They used cutters and tools to shape the dough into leaves and other seasonal items. This was a fantastic way to develop their fine motor skills while being creative and working independently.



## Arabic & Islamic Studies

Alhamdulillah, this week in Arabic Studies, the children are beginning to learn the Arabic alphabet. This week, they focused on the letter Alif (ا) — for Arnab (أرناب), which means rabbit. They practiced recognising and pronouncing the letter, as well as exploring the sound through fun songs and activities.

In Islamic Studies this week, the children have been learning about the life of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (RA) — a great Islamic scholar known for his knowledge, piety, and kindness. We talked about how he loved to seek knowledge from a young age, always spoke the truth, and helped others. The children enjoyed listening to stories from his life and learning how we can try to follow his good example in our own lives by being honest, kind, and respectful.

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| <b>Term 1 (37 days )</b>        |                                                              |
| <b>End of term for children</b> | Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025                      |
| <b>Inset Day</b>                | Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025                       |
| <b>Holiday</b>                  | 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025             |
| <b>Term 2 (35 days)</b>         |                                                              |
| <b>Inset Day</b>                | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025                         |
| <b>Start</b>                    | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025                        |
| <b>End of term for children</b> | Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025                        |
| <b>Holidays</b>                 | 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025– 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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, including warm layers, coats, wellies, hats, and gloves, as the weather will be colder and changeable in the coming months.
- **Winter Fete Tickets are now available!** Tickets can be purchased from the office. We would love for you to join us and to get your ticket early to avoid missing out on this festive event.



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