

Dar-ul-Madinah

An Islamic School System

Spring 1: Edition 2

Friday 16th January 2026



This week, the children have been learning about the story “Old MacDonald Had a Farm.” The children had a wonderful time exploring and learning all about life on the farm, including the different animals we might see and the sounds they make. Everyone enjoyed joining in with the story.

We enjoyed taking part in lots of hands-on and creative activities. The children made their own playdough, and the children moulded their own farm animals, using their imagination and developing their fine motor skills. They also had fun decorating their own farm animals, choosing colours and materials to create unique designs.

In role play, the children loved pretending to be farmers and taking part in activities such as milking the cow, encouraging confidence, communication, and cooperative play.



In phonics, the children have been practising the sound B and U learning how to recognise them and say them correctly. We explored words that begin with these sounds and enjoyed listening for the sounds in different words. The children also had a go at forming the letters, helping to build their confidence with early reading and writing skills.

In maths, the children have been taking part in counting and number activities, developing their understanding of numbers through practical learning and play.

It has been so lovely to see the children so engaged and curious this week. They have been using fantastic language, working together, and showing a real love for stories and imagination. We are very proud of how confident they are becoming in their learning!



Arabic & Islamic Studies

Alhamdulillah, this week in Arabic Studies the children learned the letter (ز), focusing on its name and sound, and were introduced to the new vocabulary word (زرافة). Learning took place through games and engaging activities, and children practised forming the letter using sensory writing experiences such as sand and shaving foam.

In **Islamic Studies**, the children learned about Prophet Nuh (AS) and the story of the Ark, as well as the important event of Israa and Mi'raj. They also learned the Sunnah of cutting nails and practised the dua: اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِي رَجَبٍ وَشَعْبَانَ وَبَلَعْنَا رَمَضَانَ. In addition, children enjoyed learning and singing the "Ramadan" nasheed, helping them prepare for the blessed month ahead.

Term 3 (30 days)	
End of term for children	Friday 13 th February
Holidays	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 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, gloves, hats ect as it will be colder in the coming months.

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