

Dar-ul-Madinah

An Islamic School System

Spring 1: Edition 3

Friday 23rd January 2026



This week, the children have been learning about the story "The Rainbow Fish". The children had a wonderful time exploring the story and talking about important messages such as kindness, sharing, and friendship.



They enjoyed taking part in lots of hands-on and creative activities linked to our under-the-sea theme. The children loved using playdough, strengthening their fine motor skills as they rolled, squeezed, and shaped it in different ways. They also had lots of fun decorating their own fish, choosing bright colours and materials to create beautiful and unique designs.

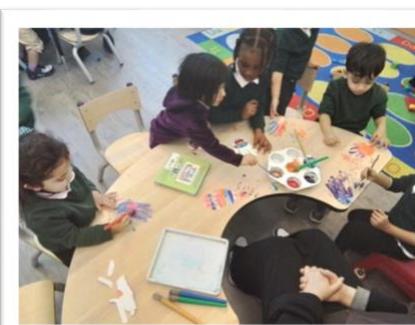
During Carpet Time, we had a lovely sea creature discussion, where the children talked about different animals we might find in the ocean and shared their own ideas and experiences. The children also enjoyed a creative activity where they got to design their own fish hand, using their imagination and developing confidence in expressing their ideas through art.



In Phonics, the children have been practising the sounds F and E, learning how to recognise them and say them correctly. They explored words that begin with these sounds and listened carefully for them in different words.

In Maths, the children have been focusing on numbers 1–15, taking part in counting and number activities to develop their understanding.

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 have been learning the letter (س) and our new vocabulary word (سمكة) through fun games and engaging activities. They enjoyed practising the sound and recognising the letter in different words, helping to build their confidence and early language skills. The children also practised forming the letter (س) using sensory writing activities, such as tracing in different materials, which supported their fine motor development and letter formation skills. In addition, we spent time revising previously learned letters and vocabulary to help reinforce their learning and strengthen their understanding.

In **Islamic Studies**, the children learned earnt about the month of Shaaban and how it is a special time to prepare for Ramadan through kindness and good deeds. They also enjoyed learning the “Ramadan” nasheed, joining in confidently with the words and actions, and practised the dua اللهم بارك لنا في رجب وشعبان وبلغنا رمضان, doing a wonderful job repeating it and learning its meaning.



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 etc as it will be colder in the coming months.

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