

Dar-ul-Madinah

An Islamic School System

Spring Term 1: Edition 6

Friday 14th February 2026



This week in Nursery our theme was “Handa’s Surprise.” The children really enjoyed exploring the story and learning about the different fruits Handa carried in her basket. We talked about the setting of the story, the animals, and the variety of fruits, encouraging lots of discussion and new vocabulary.

In our creative activities, the children had fun with playdough, moulding and shaping different fruits. They carefully rolled, squeezed and shaped the dough to create bananas, oranges, apples and more, helping to develop their fine motor skills.



Our shop keeper role play area was very popular this week. The children enjoyed decorating their fruits and pretending to buy and sell them. This helped to build their confidence in speaking, turn-taking and using imaginative play.

In phonics, we focused on the sounds **J** and **V**. The children practised saying the sounds clearly, identifying words that begin with these letters, and spotting them in simple words.



In Maths, we worked on recognising and counting numbers 1–15. The children also explored different shapes, identifying and naming them through fun, hands-on activities.

It has been a busy and exciting week of learning!



Arabic & Islamic Studies

In Arabic, the children learned the letter Yaa (ي). They practised saying the sound clearly and worked hard on forming and writing the letter correctly. We also identified words that begin with Yaa to help reinforce their learning.



Spring Term 2026

Term 3 (30 days)	
Inset Day 4	Monday 5th January 2026
Start of Term for Children	Tuesday 6th January 2026
End of term for Children	Friday 13th February 2026
February Half Term Holidays	Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026
Term 4 (12 days)	
Inset Day 5	Monday 23rd February 2026
Start of Term for Children	Tuesday 24th February 2026
End of Term for Children	Friday 13 th March 2026
Ramadhan Holidays	Monday 16th March – Friday 27th March 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 during the half-term holidays, 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

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