

Dar-ul-Madinah

An Islamic School System



Spring Term 2: Edition 1
Friday 27th February 2026



We've had a fantastic first week back to nursery. We enjoyed reading the story *Tiny Little Seed*, which helped the children understand how seeds grow and change over time. The story sparked wonderful discussions about nature, seasons, and what plants need to survive. The children were fascinated by the journey of the tiny seed and loved sharing their own experiences of seeing flowers grow.



In our creative area, the children explored playdough flower moulding. They carefully shaped petals, stems and leaves, developing their fine motor skills and hand strength. It was lovely to see their imagination flourish as they created colourful gardens of their own.

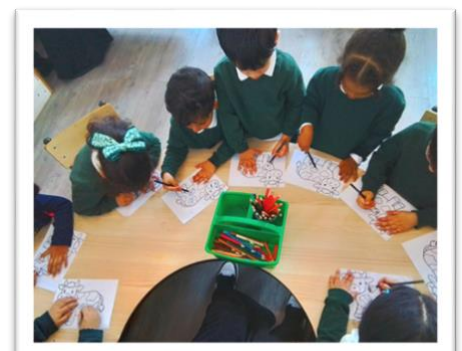
The children also had great fun decorating flower headbands. They chose different colours and materials to design their own unique flower crowns. This activity supported their creativity and independence, as well as encouraging them to make choices and talk about their designs.



Outdoors, we took part in planting seeds. The children carefully filled pots with soil, placed their seeds inside, and watered them gently. We discussed what plants need to grow — sunlight, water and care — and we are excited to watch our seeds sprout over the coming weeks!

In Phonics, we focused on the sounds *w* and *y*. The children practised saying the sounds clearly, identifying words beginning with these letters, and taking part in fun listening and sound recognition games.

In Maths, we explored different shapes. The children identified and named common 2D shapes and looked for them in our classroom environment. We sorted shapes, built with them, and talked about their sides and corners.



Arabic & Islamic Studies

This week in Arabic, the children have been revising colour names with a strong focus on correct pronunciation and confident recognition. They practised saying and identifying the colours: أبيض، أسود، أخضر، أصفر، أحمر، أزرق. The children showed excellent concentration and enthusiasm as they repeated the words and matched them to the correct colours through interactive activities.

In Islamic Studies, the children learned that Ramadan is a special and blessed month for Muslims, during which we fast by refraining from eating and drinking during the daytime. As a class, we practised reciting the intention for fasting:

وَبِصَوْمٍ غَدٍ نَّوَيْتُ مِنْ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ

In preparation for Eid, we also began practising Takbeerat al-Eid and learned that it is recited on the day of Eid to celebrate and glorify Allah سبحانه و تعالى. The children are becoming increasingly confident in their recitation, MashaAllah.



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.