



Spring 2024

THE DAR-UL-MADINAH BULLETIN

The official newsletter for Dar-ul-Madinah Blackburn Nursery



PARENT NOTICES

- Nursery will close on Thursday 28th March 2024 and reopens on Tuesday 16th April 2024.
- Nursery session timings are from 9:00am-12:00pm for the morning session and 12:45pm-3:45pm for the afternoon session. Please make every effort to get your children here on time each day to avoid them disrupting the class and missing any learning.
- Please ensure that children are collected by a responsible adult by no later than the end of session to avoid late collection charges.
- Please ensure you send your child with a bag pack with spare clothes every day so we can change them when needed. Please note all clothing must be labelled with your child's name and must NOT be in a carrier bag. Please ensure you provide enough nappies, wipes, nappy sacks in the bag as well as spare clothes if the child is still wearing nappies.
- Please can parents refrain from opening the nursery playground gate if it is locked. Please ring the doorbell if the gate is closed and a member of staff will come and see you.

What we have been up to..

Our themes this term have been amazing animals and come outside. We looked at different animals and where they live. Children enjoyed comparing different animal's patterns and sizes. Children were able to talk about zoo animals, sea animals and farm animals. Children also learned about the life cycle of a frog, a chick and a butterfly. Children spoke about different textures and materials as they made their own animals using different materials. Children enjoyed building farms for the farm animals and they took part in many nursery rhymes related to animals such as '5 little speckled frogs, Old McDonald had a farm, once I caught a fish alive where they were able to enhance their mathematical skills and fill in the missing words from a nursery rhyme.

Children went for a walk to the local park to talk about different things we see outside. Children were excited to talk about things they could see, hear and feel when outside. We collected natural materials like twigs, leaves from the park to encourage children to explore and get creative with natural materials. We would like to thank the parents for sending flowers in to nursery as the children absolutely loved talking about their flowers and how they can use the flowers to create different shapes and patterns using flowers and paint. Children were able to rescue flowers trapped in the ice by working out the ways to melt the ice and exploring how materials change.

During this term, Children have learnt about how a shopping list is made by discussing different items to buy from the shop and creating a shopping list. Children explored 2D and 3D shapes throughout the term by taking part in circle time activities. We encouraged children to clap syllables, recognise phonics sounds and recognise the first sound of their name as well as encouraging older children to start writing their name in order to get them ready for school. Children have been practicing taking their shoes and coat off independently and they are encouraged to put their coats and shoes on by themselves as well as part of their school readiness targets. We have also explored food and clothing from around the world where children were able to talk about similarities and differences about different cultures and they loved to talk about what their favourite food is. Children enjoyed making cards and decorating biscuits for mother's day and they were able to tell us proudly why they love their mummies. Children loved dressing up for world's book day and spent lots of fun time with the dinosaur.

Next Term our themes are transport and fun on holiday. We will be learning about different transport and sharing different experiences with children. We will be discussing about and looking at pictures of different countries and what the children's favourite holiday destination would be.