



## News Story – Muharram

### Babies

Its Muharram, the first month of the Islamic calendar, our babies engaged in meaningful and creative activities. They used blocks to create and make their own mosque, using techniques such as stacking and using hand eye coordination skills. This activity supported the development of their fine motor skills while allowing them to express themselves artistically.



The children listened to a nasheed about the Islamic months. During circle time, we engaged in dhikr and recited the beautiful names of Allah. The babies showed wonderful enthusiasm as they attempted to repeat the words and actively participated in the experience.



As part of our learning experience, we set up a dedicated masjid themed area in the room. Prayer mats were arranged, and the children were given a demonstration of how Salah is performed. To enhance the atmosphere, the children listened to Adhan at prayer times, capturing the children's attention.



They listened with great interest and enthusiastically joined in by copying the prayer actions. It was a meaningful and engaging way to introduce them to the practice of Salah.





## Toddlers

We read a book all about Muharram to support develop the children's knowledge on this topic. During circle time we listened to Surah's of the Quran and the toddlers learnt 5 of Allah's beautiful names. We talked about how Allah made everything; children learnt how to say alhamdulillah for everything Allah has given them. We had lots of fun giving examples of what Allah made, children were also said they are grateful for their mummies and daddies who take care of them.

The toddlers enjoyed a messy play tuff tray where they have been decorating and painting their mosque with wooden blocks, they used sequins and stars to decorate the mosque. They have also been exploring different textures, which is crucial for toddler development as it enhances sensory awareness, cognitive development and fine motor skills. Children were touching, feeling the texture and talked about everything that Allah has made.



In the construction area, the toddlers enjoyed building their own mosque using a variety of building blocks and tools to support children's learning and development. Children have demonstrated good understanding of the world as well as their vocabulary and strengthening their hand- eye coordination.





## Pre-School

Today we also celebrated Muharram in the pre-school room, the first month of the Islamic calendar. Our preschool children engaged in meaningful and creative activities. Children were given templates of Mosques, lantern, the moon, and stars. Children used their own initiative to create and decorate their picture.



Children used different techniques and materials such as playdough, glue, colourful tissue paper and glitter, this activity helped children build their hand eye coordination skills, it also supported the development of their fine motor skills as well while allowing them to express themselves artistically.



During circle time, we engaged in listening to a nasheed, we talked about the Islamic month of Muharram and the importance of it. We also introduced a small clip of Muharram to further enhance their knowledge and learning. We talked about how important it is to use their manners by respecting elders and talking gently with everyone.