



## News Story – Month of Sha'ban

### Babies

Today in the baby room, a creative and sensory mark making activity was organised to celebrate the Month of Sha'ban.

The setup provided an engaging opportunity for the babies to explore various textures, colours, and shapes through hands-on play.

A tuff tray was prepared using red paint mixed with fairy liquid, which produced bubbles, and multi-coloured glitter was added for extra visual appeal. Star-shaped stamps were offered to the babies to encourage exploration of both shape and texture.



The babies enthusiastically engaged with the materials, picking up the star stamps and pressing them onto white paper to create colourful patterns.

They showed particular interest in the bubbly texture of the paint, taking time to feel and explore the sensation.

Throughout the activity, the babies practised their hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills as they stamped and manipulated the materials.

The process supported their creative expression while also enhancing their physical development.



## Toddlers

This month marks the beginning of Sha'ban, the eighth month in the Islamic calendar. Sha'ban is a significant period that comes just before Ramadhan, providing us with an opportunity to prepare for the holy month by engaging in extra good deeds such as fasting and praying.

One of our main activities during Sha'ban was "Decorating a Kindness Jar". The children participated enthusiastically, using a variety of materials such as tissue paper, sequins, and glue sticks to decorate their jars. This creative activity was also a time to discuss positive behaviours, with the children learning about good deeds including smiling, giving charity, and sharing with their friends at nursery.



During circle time, we read a book titled "Good Deeds to Please Allah". This session encouraged the toddlers to think about and talk about different ways they can do good and be kind to others in their daily lives.

At our messy table, we introduced the five pillars of Islam, with a particular focus on Ramadhan. We discussed the upcoming start of Ramadhan and how families will participate in fasting. The children learned about watching the moon to determine the beginning of Ramadhan and the celebration of Eid. To reinforce this learning, they used moon and star cutters, stamps, and paints to create their own masterpieces.



## Pre-School



Today marked the start of the Islamic month of Sha'ban, and to celebrate this special occasion, we organised a variety of engaging activities for Pre-school children.

One of our activities focused on teaching the children about the Five Pillars of Islam. For this, we drew a large hand on the tuff tray, and the children enthusiastically matched wooden figurines to each of the pillars. This interactive approach helped reinforce their understanding of these important aspects of Islamic faith.

At the craft table, the children had the opportunity to make their own prayer mats. They used a range of different resources provided, allowing them to express their creativity while learning about a significant element of Islamic practice.

Throughout these activities, we engaged in conversations about Islamic values. We discussed the various acts of kindness that can be performed during the month of Sha'ban and encouraged the children to think about how they can continue these good deeds throughout the year.

