



## News Story - Start of Sha'ban

Today we looked at the start of our new Islamic month 'Sha'ban.' Fun, engaging and meaningful activities were set up around the room to support children in learning about the special month and what is coming next.

In the construction area the children looked at pictures of different mosques supporting their understanding of the world and then they went on to build their own models of mosques using blocks.



At the math's table children explored shapes and colours to create a prayer mat or an Islamic symbol. At the mark making table the children learnt about the '3 blessed months in Islam, Rajab, Sha'ban and Ramadhan'. Children listened to a hadith about the importance of these 3 months and doing good deeds. The children showed great interest, sharing knowledge and ideas. One child proudly shared

"In mosques you pray and read books," when asked 'which book?' he replied "Qur'an."

Over in the messy area the toddlers create their own moon pictures to mark this special day. They decorated them with glitter and pom-poms.



At the end of the day the children listened to 'Months of Islam' nasheed to which they all enjoyed singing along to. The children viewed some educational videos of mosques from around the world, and we learnt some simple facts about the month of Sha'ban. We discussed what 'good deeds' are, the children

shared some thoughtful responses such as 'being kind,' 'sharing' and 'helping others. "I help my mummy in the kitchen" one child proudly shared.

