



Preschool Gum Tree Newsletter



We read the story "Selfish Crocodile" and painted our own crocodile.



We focused on number 1 and completed the worksheet.

Activities Covered:

Last week, in Week 3, we kickstarted our EYFS curriculum with the topic 'Getting to Know You - Forming Friendships.' We completed various activities, which helped us get to know more about each other.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story 'Making Friends'. It was a good reminder of how to be kind to each other. After that, we made a class poster with our handprints on a friendship tree.

In **Literacy**, we listened to the story 'The Selfish Crocodile' and discussed what happens when we are not friendly to others. We also got to make our own crocodile craft.

In preparation for learning the jolly phonics sounds, we participated in some listening games to identify various sounds. We also did our best to spot the differences in pictures.

In **Mathematics**, we focused on the number 1 and continued to explore shapes.

In **Physical Development**, we discussed the importance of listening and paying attention to adults and friends by playing different fun games throughout the week.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we learnt more about our friends, such as their favourite things, their likes, and dislikes. We discussed how many of us had the same things in common. We also practiced the attributes of a good friend through various team activities.

On Thursday, we enjoyed working together to make delicious healthy cookies, using only 2 ingredients: bananas and oats. While we wait on the cookies to bake, we decorated a photo frame with one of our photos.

It was a great way to end the week!

Upcoming Activities:

This week, in Week 4, we will explore the 'Emotions' theme and will learn how we feel and react to different situations in our lives.

In **Communication and Language**, we will watch a video about people feeling different emotions and will identify how they are feeling. We will then talk about our own feelings and emotions. We will also try to imitate different expressions with our faces to copy the emotion flashcards.

In **Physical Development**, we will play a game called 'Feelings Parade' where we will act out each feeling as we walk around the classroom.

In **Literacy**, we will begin our Jolly Phonics program, and our first sound this week is the letter sound /s/. We will learn its jolly jingle, action, and learn how to form the sound in different mediums such as shaving foam and glitter. Then we will practice writing the sound in our phonics books and focus on its formation. To help us remember this sound, we chose to either make a snake or sun craft.

In **Mathematics**, we will focus on the number 2 and continue to explore shapes.

It's going to be another fun-filled week!



We continued to practice our fine motor skills.

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We revised our shapes and made a shape house.

Tips for home:

- Please ensure your child gets to bed at a reasonable hour so he/she is ready to learn when they get to school.
- Display your child's work from school to help build a sense of pride in their accomplishments.
- Read the **weekly newsletter**, so that you keep up to date on what is happening.
- Drop off and collect your child promptly each day.
- Provide your child with opportunities to practice their pencil control.
- Limit screen time to 1 hour per day.



We also decorated our photo frame to take home.

Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 21st September:
Emotions craft and play**

We will learn how to make an emotions spinner. That's not all, we will practice what we have learnt in the week, by performing a play based on our emotions. Our teachers will take part too! We will enjoy some popcorn and juice while watching the play.



On Thursday, we baked yummy cookies using only 2 ingredients: oats and banana.

To see more photos of our adventures in learning be sure to visit our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Final Note:

Routine is an important part of building your child's comfort level at school. Please make sure you drop your child off at school no later than 7:30 a.m. and pick them up at the end of the day at 12:30 p.m.

We look forward to working closely with you, to form a strong, home-school partnership, which will help to encourage your child to have a happy and successful year in Preschool.