



Preschool Gum Tree Newsletter



We listened to the story 'Bad Tempered Lady bug' and then sponge painted our own lady bugs for class display.



We focused on number 2 and competed various worksheets.

Activities Covered:

Last week, in Week 4, we dived into the pool of emotions and discussed how we react to different situations and how we can show and express our emotions to the people around us.

In **Communication and Language**, we watched a video about people feeling different emotions and we identified what they were feeling in that situation. We also imitated different emotions with our facial expressions.

In **Literacy**, we began our Jolly Phonics program with the first sound /s/. We learned the jingle, action, and practiced writing the sound in different mediums and our phonics books. We also made a sun and snake craft to help us remember the sound.

In **Mathematics**, we focused on the number 2 and its attributes. We also continued to explore shapes through various hands-on activities.

In **Physical Development**, we played a fun game called '**Feelings Parade**' where we walked around the classroom and pretended to be feeling different kinds of emotions.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we made an emotions chart. We listed down all the emotions and each day we got to put on names down on how we were feeling each day.

On Thursday, we put what we have learned into more practice. First, we made an emotions spinner, choosing 2 of our favourite emotions. We also joined our teachers in a play where we re-enacted scenarios that would trigger different emotions in us. It was great fun! While we waited for our turn to participate in the play, we enjoyed some popcorn and juice as we watched our friends perform.

It was a very busy and exciting week, full of hustle and bustle! Now we have a good understanding of our feelings and why we may experience different emotions in a day.

Upcoming Activities:

A new week means a new theme! We are all ready to kick start this week with the theme '**Senses**'. We would be exploring our 5 basic senses of *Touch, Hear, Taste, Sight, and Smell* through different activities and crafts.

In **Communication and Language**, we will conduct some fun experiments in the classroom. We will set up five stations for the 5 senses and each station would have a sense to explore and talk about.

In **Physical Development**, we will play the game '**Simon Says**' and dance to the **Freeze song** to test our sense of hearing.

In **Literacy**, we will learn the sound /a/. 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 will make an ant and an apple craft.

In **Mathematics**, we will focus on the number 3 and continue to explore shapes and sort out colours.

It's going to be another week of excitement!



We completed different emotions puzzles.



We learnt the jolly phonics sound /s/ and made snake and sun craft to help us remember this new sound.

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 made our favourite emotion spinner.

Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 28th September -
5 Senses Experience**

We will be going around to other classes to take part in a 5 Senses Experiences using our eyes, ears, fingers, feet, mouth, and nose to explore different mediums.



Look at all the fun we had on Thursday with our teachers and friends.

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

Final Note:

A nutritious breakfast sets the tone for a day of improved concentration, increased energy, and active participation in activities.

Kindly ensure that the snack boxes are packed with healthy food options for your child to choose from.