



Preschool Gum Tree's Weekly
Newsletter
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We enjoyed making a first week of school handprint poem.



We decorated our photo frame to take home.

Activities Covered:

Welcome to Preschool. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child has a happy, rewarding, and positive year.

Our aim is for all children to reach their full potential in a happy, caring atmosphere, where everyone is valued. We want children to become self-motivated, organised, responsible, independent, and considerate to others and the environment. We believe that having fun and a willingness to learn are key factors in your child's success at school.

Last week, in week 1, as part of the settling-in process, we covered a series of activities to help us familiarise ourselves with the classroom and the daily activities and routines.

In **Communication and Language**, we learned about different expressive emotions and discussed how we felt on our first days of school. We also made a colourful first-day craft.

In **Literacy**, we got to work on our fine motor skills by practicing and participating in different activities. We also got to try some fun brain exercises to work on memory-developing skills to improve our concentration.

In **Mathematics**, we learned numbers 1 to 5 and different 2D shapes. We focused on the circle, triangle, and square.

In **Understanding the World**, we made a hand-painted artwork for our parents to keep, and it had a cute poem written on it.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we conducted a bunch of colour sorting art activities and painted a big canvas of colours.

Well done to all the children for a very good first week! We look forward to a great journey this academic year, full of fun, laughter, and growing together.

Upcoming Activities:

This week, in week 2, we will continue with our process of settling into school and the routines that we follow. We will also be encouraging friendship building and focus on establishing relationships within the class.

In **Communication and Language**, we will be reading the stories '*Hands are not for Hitting*' and '*Germs are not for Sharing*' which will teach us how to be kind to each other.

In **Physical Development**, we will revise and learn more about our own strength and coordination through different gross and fine motor activities.

In **Literacy**, we will participate in listening games to help us identify and understand different sounds in our surroundings. Furthermore, we will play a fun name game that will help us to begin recognising our names.

In **Mathematics**, we will reinforce our knowledge of numbers and shapes through various hands-on tasks.

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



We have been enjoying playing together and making new friends.

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We were very good at sorting puzzles according to their shapes and colours.

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.



Look at us in our cozy reading corner exploring some new books!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 7th - Making friendship necklaces.

We will celebrate the new friendship we have begun building by making friendship necklaces for our new friends.



We learnt how to cut on a straight line.

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.