



Preschool Gum Tree's Weekly  
Newsletter

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We have been learning to identify our name and even got to decorate our own name plate.



We enjoyed making a heart tree craft for our class display.

## Activities Covered:

Last week, in Week 2, as part of the ongoing settling-in process, we continued with a series of activities to help us familiarise ourselves with the classroom and the daily activities and routines. We have shown great adaptability skills.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to stories called '*Hands are not for Hitting*' and '*Germs are not for Sharing*' learning that it is important to care for one another and re-enforcing the rules on safety in the classroom. We also made a heart craft which reminded us to be kind to our friends.

In **Literacy**, we learned a new song '*If your name is on the plate*' where we had to identify our name and learned the letter it begins with. We will continue to practice recognising our names in the coming weeks as well. Furthermore, we tuned in to different listening games where we had to identify sounds in our environment. This is preparing us for the jolly phonics sounds we will soon begin to learn.

In **Mathematics**, we continued to learn numbers 1 to 5 and different 2D shapes. We focused on the circle, triangle, and square. There were various hands-on activities for us to engage in.

In **Understanding the World**, we learned and sang the action song '*The wheels on the bus*'. Then we made a school bus craft.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we continued conducting a bunch of colour sorting art activities to help us recognise colours. We did a fun experiment adding baking soda, vinegar, and colours. We were amazed by bursts of colours.

On Thursday, we got more creative in making friendship necklaces. We made one for ourselves and one to give to a special friend we made.

It was a great second week at school!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, in Week 3, we will kickstart our EYFS curriculum with the topic '*Getting to Know You- Forming Friendships*.' We will complete various activities, which will help us get to know more about each other.

In **Communication and Language**, we will be listening to the story '*Making Friends*'. The story will help us to remember how to treat others with kindness. We will then put our understanding into practice by making a friendship tree with our handprints on it.

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

In **PSED** we will learn more about our friends, such as their favourite things, their likes, and dislikes. We wonder how many of us will have the same things in common. We will also practice the attributes of a good friend through various team activities. There will be a chart to display how we perform throughout the week.

In **Literacy**, we will listen to the story '*The Selfish Crocodile*' and will discuss what happens when we are not friendly to others.

In **Mathematics**, we will focus on the number 1 and continue to explore shapes.

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



We had fun mixing shaving foam and paint to see what new colours can be made.

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We made shape collages by sticking different shapes.

### 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.



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### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September: Baking Healthy Cookies**

We will be making some delicious cookies using only 2 ingredients: banana and oats. While we wait for them to cool down, we will decorate a photo frame to save one of our early memories here at school.

Let us know if your child has allergies to oats and or bananas.



Look at those pretty necklaces we made for our friends and family.

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.