



# Preschool Gum Tree Newsletter



We learnt how do plants grow and made a craft to represent it.



We learnt patterns and tried to arrange ourselves in a pattern.

## Activities Covered:

Last week we continued our topic **Growing** and learned all about **Growing plants**. We discussed and saw how plants grow and make their food. We also planted seeds in the soil, watered them and put them out in the sunlight to grow!

In **Communication and Language**, we saw an interesting story called '**Sid the Seed**' and talked about the three important elements a plant needs to grow, water, soil, and sunlight.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we learnt how apples grow. Then, we experimented on how different solution affects an apple slice. We used vinegar, water, and lemon juice to find out.

In **Literacy**, we learnt the sound 'e'. We learnt the actions, sang the jolly jingle, and practiced writing them in different mediums and our phonics books. We then made an egg and an elephant craft to help us remember and understand the sound better.

In **Mathematics**, we learnt the number 9 and its attributes. We also learned how to create patterns using different fun resources.

In **Understanding the World**, we read the story '**Jack and the Beanstalk**' and planted some magic beans just like in the story. We wonder how tall they will grow!

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we made some colourful flower handprints, then added a stem and different leaves.

On Thursday, we put all the knowledge acquired in the week into practice. We started by making a creative collage of seeds and beans. Then in our class pot, we planted some beans and will take care of them in the coming weeks.

We had an amazing week learning how to take care of plants!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will complete our series on **Growing** and learn about **growing healthy habits and growing healthy food**. We will learn all about living a healthy lifestyle.

In **Communication and Language**, we will listen to and discuss an interesting story about a little girl's healthy school lunchbox called '**Lulu's Lunch**'. This will be followed by a fun activity where we will make some interesting food choices that we think are healthy only.

In **Physical Development**, we will explore more about **oral hygiene** and how important it is to brush our teeth appropriately. Then we will illustrate this through a fun craft where we will make one bad tooth and one good tooth.

In **Literacy**, we will have our second assessment for Term 1 and will be revising all the jolly phonics sounds we have learnt so far.

In **Understanding the World**, we will be learning about how vegetables grow and make a big collage together.

In **Mathematics**, we will focus on the number 10 and continue with creating patterns and learning more about it.

We look forward to another fun week of learning!



We read the story '**Jack and the beanstalk**' and planted our own magic seeds.

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We learnt the jolly phonics sound /e/ and made an elephant and an egg to help us remember our sound

### Tips for home:

- 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.
- Ensure that your child goes to bed early so they can wake up early and be ready for school.

### My values draw my identity:

- I eat healthy food.
- I'm thinking about my health.
- What does health mean?



We enjoyed quiet story time.

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Fruits and Vegetables Market**

A corner of our schoolyard will be converted into a fresh fruits and vegetables market.

We will have the opportunity to purchase our favourite items and enjoy them.



On Thursday, we had fun planting seeds.

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

### Final Note:

Please ensure that your child wears their complete uniform everyday, including the school jacket unless advised otherwise.

Uniforms are available for purchase at school.