



Preschool Gum Tree Newsletter



We learnt the different stages of growth and completed a worksheet.



We joined various shapes to see what other shapes we can make.

Activities Covered:

Welcome back after the half term break. Last week, we started a new series of topics under the theme *Growing*. We began with '**Growing - People**' where we learnt the different stages of growth.

In Communication and Language, we talked about each phase of growing up. We discussed how and why each phase is different to one another and learnt all about the phase we are currently in.

In Literacy, we learned the jolly phonics sound "n". We listened to its jolly jingle, learned the action, and practiced writing it with our teacher's help. To help us remember the sound, we made a night scene and a nest craft.

In Mathematics, we were assessed on the topics covered so far for our term 1 report.

In Understanding the World, we listened to the story '*Goldilocks and the Three Bears*'. We then compared the bears sizes and role played the story.

In Expressive Arts and Design, we learnt a new poem called 'My handprints'. We made a lovely keepsake for our home to remind our parents that we are growing up.

Now that we are growing more, we have discovered that we have new abilities and have developed new skills that we didn't have when we were a toddler and a baby.

On Thursday, we tested our abilities in new ways through unusual challenges. We tried to eat a slice of apple without using our hands, rolled a car tire, and even tried to pop a balloon while blindfolded. For displaying resilience and great team spirit, we were rewarded with a 'Yes, I can' badge.

Upcoming Activities:

This week we will be continuing our topic '**Growing**' and will be taking part in lots of exciting activities relating to our environment and how we can keep it healthy.

In Communication and Language, we will be discussing how to be an active citizen in keeping our environment and neighbourhood clean. We will also be illustrating a healthy and unhealthy planet earth.

In Physical Development, we will be using our large motor skills and will be working on a secret recycling project to display in our outside area.

In Literacy, we will be revising all the sounds learned to date and will also be assessed for the term 1 report.

In Understanding the World, we will be learning the importance of throwing our garbage in the right places, so that we don't dirty the environment. We are going to be doing a sorting activity, putting the recycled materials in the correct bin.



We practiced putting our shoes on without any help.

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Tips for home:

- 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.

My values draw my identity:

- I am thinking about my environment.
- What are the components of my environment?
- I keep the neighbourhood where I live clean.
- I maintain the beauty of gardens.
- I observe public morals in the neighbourhood and with the neighbours.



On Thursday, we tested ourselves in new limits and challenges that we've never done before.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 9th November - recycling games and 'show & tell'.

In the spirit of learning to take care of our environment, we will be playing different games using recycled items only.

We will also bring along a recycling project we will make from home for "show & tell".



We role played being mummy and daddy and looked after our baby.

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

Final Note:

A gentle reminder that our kindergarten is a nut-free zone.

No food with peanuts or traces of nuts must be sent to school.

