



# Preschool Gum Tree Newsletter



We learnt number 8 and made an octopus counting activity.



We practiced cutting on a straight line using our fine motor skills.

## Activities Covered:

Last week we continued our topic **Growing - Healthy Environment** and took part in lots of exciting recycling activities and finished our big class project together using all recycled things.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story '**Keep Your Surroundings Clean**' followed by a discussion of what we saw in the story and how it impacts our earth and the water we use.

In **Literacy**, we learnt the new sound 'c k'. We learnt the actions, sang the jolly jingle, and practiced writing them in different mediums and our phonics books. We then made a cupcake and a kite craft to help us remember the sounds and to distinguish between them easily.

In **Mathematics**, we learnt the number 8 and its attributes. We also continued to practice counting backward and identified missing numbers in a set.

In **Understanding the World**, we watched the story of a whale, and how water pollution affected it in the sea. Then, we made a makeshift ocean and practiced cleaning the garbage in it.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we finished our big class project together as a team and were very proud of the outcome. We hope you liked our display too!

On Thursday, we had a fun time learning how to tie-dye a T-shirt. We were very excited to learn this new art form and to see the result of it.

That was not all, we displayed our recycling project that we have been working hard on during the past 2 weeks. We also brought a project we made at home to show and tell our friends all about it.

It was an amazing awareness week!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will learn another exciting topic under the **Growing** theme which is **Growing Plants**. We will discover how plants grow and how to look after them, followed by a series of fun activities.

In **Communication and Language**, we will talk about how plants grow and what are the three important elements all plants need for growth "**soil, water, and sunlight**", followed by a story and a craft.

In **Physical Development**, we will use our fine motor skills to sort out different beans and seeds. Then we will use our gross motor skills to play the 'magic beans games'.

In **Literacy**, we will be learning the new sound 'e'. We will practice writing them in our phonics books and make an elephant and an egg craft to help us remember this new sound.

In **Understanding the World**, we will read the story '**Jack and the Beanstalk**' and will plant our own magic beans.

In **Mathematics**, we will focus on the number 9. We will also learn how to create patterns using available resources in the classroom.

We look forward to another fun week of learning!



We learnt about shapes and matched them to the correct picture.

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We learnt the jolly phonic sound /ck/ and made a cupcake and a kite to help us remember our sound

### 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.



We proudly showed our home recycling project to our friends and teachers.

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Gardening and Seed Collage**

We are going to beautify our schoolyard further by planting beans in our class pot.

Besides this, we will make a seed collage using different types of seeds and beans.



On Thursday, we learnt how to tie-dye a T-shirt and had fun using different colours.

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.

