Preschool Gum Tree Newsletter

We sponge painted Qatar's skyline.

We learnt about the animals of Qatar and made a craft.

Activities Covered:

This week was our last week of the term. The children have made incredible progress in adapting to school life and we are very proud of their achievements. We concluded this term with an interesting and fun-filled week learning all about Qatar.

In **Communication and Language**, we learnt about the animals of Qatar. We also made an animal in the desert craft using various materials.

In **Physical Development,** we discussed traditional games that children play in Qatar. After the discussion, we played 'Taag Taag Tagia' with our friends and teachers. It is similar to the 'Duck, duck, goose' game.

In **Understanding the World**, we learnt about old Qatar and compared it to new Qatar. It was amazing to see how fast Qatar has grown and developed!

In **Expressive Arts and Design,** we learnt the meaning of the Qatar flag and painted our own flag for display.

In **Literacy,** we learned the sound "**r**". We sang its jolly song and learned the action. We continued to develop our writing and recognition skills, followed by choosing between making a rain and a rocket craft to remember the sound.

In **Mathematics,** we revised our numbers from 6-10, patterns, and built puzzles.

Today, we came to school dressed in the colours of the Qatar flag and celebrated Qatar National Day. It was a day filled with traditional games and fun. It was enjoyed by all!

Now we are ready for a well-deserved break!

Upcoming Activities:

When we resume school after winter break, we will begin our term 2 with a series of topics on Animals. During the first week, we will focus on **Jungle and Zoo animals**.

In **Communication and Language**, we will learn the difference between jungle and zoo animals. We will also read a story '***My Trip to the Zoo'***.

In **Physical Development,** the children will play a game where we will be matching different animals to their skin patterns.

In **Understanding the World**, we will learn about animal prints and tracks. Then we will do a fun activity by dipping foam-shaped animals' feet in different paint and see what colourful tracks they will leave behind as they print across the paper.

In **Literacy,** we will be revising the sounds /s/ & /a/. We will continue to develop our writing and recognition skills in different mediums.

In **Mathematics,** we will revise our numbers from 1-10 and will take part in various hands-on activities.

We look forward to another exciting term!

We continued practicing patterns and completed a worksheet.

We learnt the jolly phonics sound /r/ and made a rocket craft 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.

My values draw my identity:

- I know my country.
- I am proud of my country's flag.
- I love the Emir and are proud of his achievements.
- I am proud of my ancestral heritage, and I preserve it.

We worked as a team and joined the blocks to make train tracks.

Upcoming Events:

Winter break – 17ᵗʰ December until 7ᵗʰ January 2024
The kindergarten will be closed during the above-mentioned dates for the Winter Break. Term 2 will begin on Monday 8th January 2024.

Thursday 11ᵗʰ January: Dear Zoo Roleplay
We will conclude our Jungle and Zoo animals' theme by performing the 'Dear Zoo' story. Then, we will match the animals from the story to the food that they eat.

On Thursday, we came to school dressed in the colours of Qatar's flag and took part in fun activities.

To see more photos of our adventures in learning be sure to visit our website, Facebook, and Instagram

Final Note:

We wish you all a Happy National Day and a wonderful winter break!