



# Preschool Gum Tree Newsletter



We enjoyed the Turkish delight Ms. Grace made for us using only two ingredients: sugar and corn starch.



We learnt the meaning of Turkish flag and decorated our flag.

## Activities Covered:

Last week, we started with a lot of fun and diversity. We learned about different countries for **international week**. We travelled to **Türkiye** and **Austria** and learnt some interesting facts about these countries.

**On Sunday**, we learned where Türkiye and Austria are, what the people eat, what they wear, their language, currency, and famous landmarks. We discussed the meaning of the Austrian and Turkish flags and made the flags using different materials.

**On Monday**, we enjoyed listening to traditional folk stories from Türkiye and Austria and made a traditional craft related to the countries.

**On Tuesday**, we came to school wearing the colours and the traditional clothes of Türkiye. We had a parade for the whole school to see. We decorated our own passports and used them to travel to **Austria, Türkiye, the Philippines, and Sweden**.

**On Thursday**, we had a grand feast where we got to dress up in the traditional clothes of our own country and got to bring a dish that represented our country to share with our friends and had a good time. It was a scrumptious discovery.

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

In **Mathematics**, we revised our numbers, shapes, and colours through hands-on activities.

It was an amazing week learning about different cultures and traditions around the world.

## Upcoming Activities:

This week is our last week of the term, and it will be all about **Qatar**. It's going to be an exciting last week filled with lots of exciting activities. It's also very fitting as the Qatar National Day approaches.

**In Communication and Language**, we will learn about animals that live in Qatar. We will make an animal in the desert craft using a variety of materials.

**In Physical Development**, we are going to discuss traditional games that children play in Qatar. After the discussion, we will play 'Taag Taag Tagia' with our friends.

**In Understanding the World**, we will learn about old Qatar and will compare it to new Qatar.

In **Literacy**, we will be learning the sound "r". We will continue to develop our writing and recognition skills, followed by choosing between making a rain and a rocket craft.

In **Mathematics**, we will revise our numbers from 6-10, patterns, and build puzzles.

We have another exciting week ahead!



We made Turkish rugs to display on our class board.

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We learnt the jolly phonics sound /h/ and made a heart and horse craft to help us remember the 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 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.



On Tuesday, we travelled across the countries and had our passports stamped.

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> - Qatar National Day Activities.**

We will participate in some traditional Qatari games.

Children are asked to come to school dressed in the colours of the Qatari flag for the day.

### Last day of term 1

The school will end at **11:30 on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** and there will be no late pick-up service.



On Thursday, we came to school dressed in our national attire and enjoyed the feast with our friends.

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.