



Preschool Gum Tree Newsletter



We learnt about animals' habitat and made our own sensory zoo.



We learnt some fun facts about giraffes and created the skin pattern.

Activities Covered:

What an exciting week we had as we returned to school after the holiday. This term will be highlighted by a series of topics on **animals**.

We started a fun series on animals. Last week, we learnt all about "**Zoo and Jungle animals**". We took an adventure to explore the habitats and enclosures of the animals and learnt to distinguish between them through different hands-on and sensory activities.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story '**My Trip to the Zoo**', which gave us a virtual tour of a zoo. After that, we got to make a lion headband craft.

In **Physical Development**, we played different games such as the sleeping lion's game and an animal skin pattern game. It was great fun to see us working in collaboration.

In **Literacy**, we revised the jolly phonics sounds **s** and **a**. We practiced writing these sounds in different mediums and our phonics books.

In **Mathematics**, we revised our numbers, shapes, and colours. We attempted to count and recognise numbers from 1 to 10. We also revised the shapes and colours that we have learnt.

In **Understanding the World**, we learnt that each animal has their individual footprint. We also used paw stamps to make tracks on paper.

On **Thursday**, we role-played the Dear Zoo story. We got dressed as the different animals in the story to play our part. Then we played a food matching game where we had to match the correct food to each animal.

What a fun-filled week we had back at school!!!

Upcoming Activities:

This week we will continue our animals' series and will focus on **Farm Animals**. We will learn what happens on a farm and will take part in exciting activities throughout the week.

In **Communication and Language**, we will learn what a farm is, discover what kind of animals live on a farm and make a farm animal craft.

In **Physical Development**, we are going to stretch our bodies while doing farm animal yoga.

In **Literacy**, we will revise the jolly phonics sounds **t** and **i**. We will recall words beginning with these sounds and practice writing these sounds using the correct formation.

In **Mathematics**, we will learn the number 11 through various counting and writing practices using different materials.

In **Understanding the World**, we will learn the names of farm animals' babies and will complete some matching games.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we are going to create a farm mural using a variety of materials and textures.

An exciting week awaits us!



We looked at different prints animals make with their feet and made a class mural.

Gum Tree Weekly Newsletter



We practiced our letter formation using the correct pencil grip.

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 am learning, knowledge is light.
- I collaborate with my friends.
- I respect my teachers.
- I keep my class clean.
- I practice my hobbies.
- I eat healthy food.



Look at how cute we looked dressed up as our favorite animals for the play!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 18th January - School Trip

We will be going on our first school trip to the North Sedra Farm to learn about the animals and produce of the farm.

Please return the signed permission slip along with payment as soon as possible if you haven't done so already.

Children need to arrive on time for the bus and should wear complete school uniform including the school jacket.



On Thursday, we role played the dear zoo story and dressed up as different animals. We also matched the animals with their food.

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 the school uniform always. This includes the school jacket.
Thank you!