



# Preschool Gum Tree Newsletter



We learnt about farm and farm animals and made a mural.



We learnt number 11 and completed various activities including fingerpainting.

## Activities Covered:

We have jumped right into fun and activities this term. Last week, we learned all about the farm and the animals.

In **Communication and Language**, we learnt what a farm is, discovered what kind of animals live on a farm, and made a farm animal craft. Then we added our animals to a farm mural that we worked together to paint.

In **Physical Development**, we stretched our bodies while doing farm animal yoga. We started it a bit wobbly, but we didn't give up. With repetition, we managed to copy the movements smoothly.

In **Literacy**, we revised the jolly phonics sounds **t** and **i**. We practiced writing these sounds in different mediums and our phonics books. We are getting much better at forming the sounds correctly. Furthermore, we continued to visually discriminate these sounds amongst others.

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

In **Understanding the World**, we learnt the names of farm animals' babies. Then we completed different matching games, including identifying the animals' sounds.

On **Thursday**, we had the most exciting experience ever! We went on our first school trip to the North Sedra Farm to learn about the animals and produce of the farm animals. We got to feed the animals and ride the pony and water boats. It was a great day out!

What a fun-filled week learning about animals, and we are thrilled for next week's activities!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will continue with our topic of Farm Animals, and we will focus on the farm animals' produce. We will also learn about other products from the farm.

In **Communication and Language**, we will discuss the role of farm animals on the farm. We will also listen to the story '**How Bees Make Honey**'. Later, we will follow Curious George on this adventure. Then, we will make beehive artwork.

In **Physical Development**, we will practice our cutting skills as we match different farm products to their correct animal.

In **Literacy**, we will revise the jolly phonics sounds **p** and **n**. We will recall words beginning with these sounds and practice writing them using the correct formations.

In **Mathematics**, we will learn the number 12 through various hands-on activities. We will also learn how to make AABB and ABC patterns using various resources around the classroom.

Another exciting week awaits us!



We played a game where we had to jump on the shapes asked by our teacher.

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On Thursday, we went to the North Sedra Farm with our friends and teachers.

### Upcoming Events:

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Vet visit

We will be having the pleasure of welcoming a veterinarian to our school who will come and teach us how to take care of our pets. They will also tell us how some animals were rescued.

During the week we will be collecting pet food to donate to the pet rescue center to support taking care of their animals.

### 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 all the fun we had on the farm.



We learnt about farm animals and their babies and matched babies with their mummies.

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!