

Preschool Gum Tree's Weekly
Newsletter

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We learnt the products from different animals and completed a matching worksheet.



We have been learning how to spot the differences in two pictures to improve our visual discrimination.

Activities Covered:

Last week, we continued with our topic of **Farm Animals**, and focused on the farm animals' produce. We matched the animals with the products they produced and explored other products that come from the farm.

In Communication and Language, we listened to the story 'How Bees Make Honey'. We also followed Curious George on his honey adventure and later made a beehive artwork. We used our fingers to print bees around the beehive.

In Personal, Social, and Emotional Development, we learnt how it is important to drink milk and where it comes from. We also milked a cow in class which was very exciting!

In **Literacy**, we revised the jolly phonics sounds **p** and **n**. We recalled words beginning with these sounds and practiced writing them. Furthermore, we continued to visually discriminate these sounds amongst others.

In **Mathematics**, we learnt the number 12 and all its attributes. We also practiced the concept of patterns through various hands-on activities.

In **Understanding the World**, we learnt the life cycle of a chicken and discussed the four stages of the life cycle. We also made a hen with a chick's craft.

In Expressive Art and Design, we learned all about sheep and which products are made of wool. The activity was followed with a craft.

On **Thursday**, we were visited by a vet who came to teach us how to take good care of our pets. They also told us how some animals were rescued in Qatar.

We had an enjoyable week!

Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will continue with our animal topic but will be diving under the sea as it's all about **sea animals**. We will explore the underwater world through various fun activities.

In Communication and Language, we will explore sea life and listen to the story 'Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea'. Later, we will make various sea creatures crafts.

In **Personal**, **Social**, **and Emotional Development**, we will reinforce the importance of sharing through the story '*Rainbow Fish*' and will make our very own rainbow fish to help us remember the moral of the story.

For Mathematics, we will learn the number 13 and all its attributes. We will also learn the concept of measuring sizes and lengths through various hands-on experiments and activities.

In **Literacy**, we will continue to revise the jolly phonics sounds learnt in term 1. This week our focus will be on the sounds \mathbf{c} \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{e} . More reinforcement will be made on their correct formation and identifying them in the environment.

It's going to be another fun week to explore.



We explored the four stages of the life cycle of a chicken.

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On Thursday, we had a visit from the vet who brought two friends with her Diamond and Bailey.

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.



We enjoyed sorting pompoms according to their colours using a tweezer.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 1st February - School Trip

We are going to visit the Aquarium at Hamad Port and learn about the different sea animals and sea life in the aquarium.

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.



We practiced milking a cow which was a lot of fun.

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

Final Note:

Please ensure that your child wears the school uniform always. This includes the school jacket.

Thank you!