



Preschool Gum Tree Newsletter



We read the story '*Pete the Cat: Play Ball!*' and made a baseball craft.



We learnt the meaning and different kinds of medals and decorated our own medal to take home.

Activities Covered:

Last week, we learnt all about **Sports**. We focused on different sports people play, teamwork, and practiced for the school's sports day. It was a fitting topic to coincide with Qatar's National Sports Day.

In **Communication and Language**, we learnt about the different sports around the world. We also watched the story '*Pete the Cat: Play Ball!*'. Then, we made a baseball craft just like the one in the story.

In **Physical Development**, we practiced different sporting events in preparation for our school's sports day. We displayed good sportsmanship by cheering on our friends.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we learnt the importance of teamwork, working together with a teammate, helping each other, listening to each other, being patient, and doing our part.

In **Literacy**, we learnt the jolly phonics sound /m/. Alongside its action, we learnt its jolly jingle, air-wrote it, and practiced its formation in different mediums before moving on to practice in our workbook. Later we made a monkey and a mouse craft to help us remember this new sound.

In **Mathematics**, we learnt the number 15 and all its attributes. We also counted 15 various objects around the classroom.

On **Thursday**, we went to Durham School for Girls and took part in various sporting activities. We had an opportunity to run different races, move through different obstacle courses, and even do a relay race. We even asked our mummies to join in which was fun.

We had a great sports week!

Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will become entomologists and will study different minibeasts around us. We will discuss their distinguished features and how they crawl or fly.

In **Communication and Language**, we will read the story "*The Very Busy Bee*" and have a class discussion regarding our source of honey. After the discussion, we will make a cute honeybee craft.

For **Mathematics**, we will revise all the numbers and topics we have covered and will be assessed for our term 2 reports.

In **Literacy**, we will learn the jolly phonics sound /d/. We will continue to distinguish it from other sounds and learn its action, song, and formation.

In **Understanding the World**, we will make a big class mural showing a minibeast garden and all the different insects we will be making throughout the week using different techniques.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will read the story "*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*" and make a handprint caterpillar craft.

We look forward to discovering different creepy crawlers!



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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.

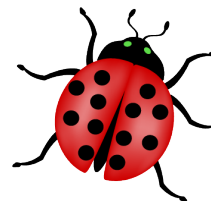


We put our kicking skills in action and tried kicking a number written on paper cups. What a fun way to learn number recognition!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 22nd February: Mini Beast Hunt

We will be participating in various fun activities as we hunt for minibeasts. Activities will include spider trap, stone painting, bug fossils, and bugs' race.



We had fun participating in new challenges.

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!