



# Preschool Gum Tree Newsletter



After discussing different mini beasts, we made a class mural.

## Activities Covered:

Last week, we all became entomologists and studied different minibeasts around us. We discussed their distinguished features and how they crawl or fly.

In **Communication and Language**, we read the story "*The Very Busy Bee*" and had a class discussion regarding our source of honey. We also made a cute honeybee craft after that.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we read the story "*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*". We got to know about the transition from a caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly.

In **Physical Development**, we learnt about spiders and how they make their web. Then we threaded a spider web just like a spider does. This was a good activity to strengthen our fine motor skills.

In **Literacy**, we learned the jolly phonics sound "d". We practiced pronouncing and writing it using our magic fingers and in our phonics books. To help us remember the sound, we got to make a duck craft.

In **Mathematics**, we revised all the numbers, shapes, colours, and patterns we have learned so far for our Term 2 assessment.

In **Understanding the World**, we made a big class mural which showed a minibeast garden and all the different insects we made throughout the week using different techniques.

On **Thursday**, we had an amazing day! Some of us came to school with bugs we caught and showed them to all our friends. We also participated in different minibeast games and loved exploring different types of creepy crawlers. It was fun!

It was another week full of excitement and learning!



We learnt how spiders make their web and tried threading our own spider web.

## Upcoming Activities:

This week will be all about **Day and Night**. We will be highlighting the beauty of our planet from the stunning colours of a sunset to the mystery of the night sky. We will also discover day and night animals.

In **Communication and Language**, we will have an open discussion about activities we do during the day and night. We will then compare these activities to see the similarities and differences between them. There will also be a quiz to test our understanding of the day and night.

For **Mathematics**, we will practice counting backwards from 10 to 0 and we will focus on missing numbers from 1 to 10.

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

In **Understanding the World**, we will learn about the animals that come out during the night and make an owl craft.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will learn about day animals and make a beautiful butterfly craft.



We read the story '*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*' and made handprints caterpillar.

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To help us remember our new jolly phonics sound 'd', we made nice duck craft.

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February - Day and Night activities**

We will participate in various day and night activities such as shadows, building a fort and making smokes.

Children are asked to bring old bedsheets to build the forts.

### 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 bugs we caught and brought to school to show our friends and teachers.



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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!