



# Preschool Gum Tree Newsletter



We discussed what we can do during summer and made beach craft.



We learnt what happens to the leaves in each season and painted a tree for each season.

## Activities Covered:

Last week we concluded our topic series on **Seasons** and focused on **Summer**. We discussed how we need to protect our skin from the hot sun by using sunblock, wearing hats, and sunglasses.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story "**Pete at the Beach**" and discussed what the weather looks like in summer, what we wear, where we go, and how outdoor places feel. Furthermore, we discussed our favourite summer activities.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we learnt about the different places we can go in summer with a focus on beach activities such as building sandcastles and playing with shells. We shared our own experiences of going to the beach and which activities we liked to do the most.

In **Physical Development**, we played some traditional summer games like hopscotch and water races.

In **Literacy**, we revised all the jolly phonics sounds learnt and had our final assessment for the term. We also practiced listening to the learnt sound in words.

For **Mathematics**, we continued to learn about **prepositions**. We learned to differentiate between **in** and **on**. We also learned the concept of **under**, **behind**, and **in front**.

In **Understanding the World**, we discussed how we can keep ourselves cooler in summer and made a hand fan.

On Thursday, we came to school for summer fun! We participated in various games and activities such as beach volleyball, water races, and even splashed in a small pool. We enjoyed getting wet and the weather played its part. We ended the activities with an ice-cold lolly.

What an exciting week it was, learning about summer!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week is all about experimenting and creating science. We will attempt different **STEAM** activities to discover new things where we will be mixing, pouring, and stirring.

In **Communication and Language**, we will do a magic milk experiment with milk, food colouring, and dish soap to see how they react when these ingredients are mixed.

In **Mathematics**, we will be revising numbers, shapes, and patterns learnt to date using various hands-on resources.

In **Literacy**, we will continue with the revision of sounds. We will play listening games, match the sounds to the correct picture, as well as practice the formation of all the sounds.

In **Understanding the World**, we will get creative with our experiments and will perform the famous Coke and Mentos experiment which will display how gas reacts with menthol. We will also learn to blow a balloon using vinegar and baking soda instead of using our mouths.

Looks like a creative and fun week ahead!



We practiced our fine motor skills using tweezers to feed the animals.

## Gum Tree Weekly Newsletter



On Thursday, we had summer fun. We participated in various games with our friends.

### 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.



Throughout the week, we played, laughed and shared toys.

### Upcoming Events:

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Reports Distribution**  
via email

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Parent-teacher meeting**

This is a gentle reminder to book your appointment if you haven't done so already.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April - STEAM Experiments**

We will rotate classes throughout the day to perform exciting experiments.



We ended the week with some yummy ice lolly.

To see more photos of our adventures in learning be sure to visit our [website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#)

### Final Note:

A gentle reminder that Ramadan timings are from 8:30 until 12:30 p.m. Kindly ensure that children attend school on time.