



# Preschool Gum Tree Newsletter



We added mentos to the coca cola and voila! There was a big splash!!

## Activities Covered:

This week was about **STEAM**. We focused on experiments and discussed different ways to find out how things work. We also learned that the results of our experiments will not always support our primary idea.

In **Communication and Language**, we discussed the dish soap liquid effect on milk, and we worked on the magic milk experiment. We were so mesmerised by the reaction when we mixed food colouring, dish soap liquid, and food colours.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development** we enjoyed learning how to make secondary colours by mixing alternatively the primary colours.

In **Physical Development**, we had another fun experiment with baking soda, vinegar, and food colouring. We made colourful mini volcanoes.

In **Literacy**, we revised all the jolly phonics sounds learnt and we also practiced listening to the learnt sound in words.

For **Mathematics**, we revised numbers 10 to 15 and we also worked on learned shapes and patterns. We had so many exciting days using chalk to create patterns inside the classroom and on our playground floor.

In **Understanding the World**, we worked on another experiment, and we worked as a group to investigate the effect of mentos on Coca-Cola. It was so exciting to see the reaction.

Today, we came to school dressed as cool scientists to perform more exciting experiments. We rotated all the classes during the day to participate in some fun challenges such as making cloudy dough, magic rain, lemon volcanoes, and hot ice.

Now we are ready for a well-deserved end of term break.



We performed the magic milk experiment by adding food color, and dish soap to the milk and watched the magic happened.

## Upcoming Activities:

When we resume school after the break, we will begin term 3 with **Book Week**. Our chosen author for this year is Eric Carle who is famous for his books like Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See, The Mixed-up Chameleon, etc.

Our class-chosen book is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

In **Communication and Language**, we will be learning about the journey of the caterpillar. What he ate throughout the week and how he transformed into a butterfly.

In **Mathematics**, we will learn about sequencing events & describing familiar routes. This will develop our sense of direction. Furthermore, we will learn the hexagon shape.

In **Literacy**, we will learn the jolly phonics sound 'l' as in lion and lamp. We learn its action, and song, and then practice its formation in different mediums and our workbooks.

In **Physical Development**, we will learn about the life cycle of a caterpillar and move our body according to each stage.

Looks like a creative and fun week ahead!



We made mini volcanoes by mixing baking soda and vinegar.

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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 made magic balloons by adding vinegar and baking soda and observed how our balloon inflated.

### Upcoming Events:

#### Spring & Eid Break: 7<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> April

The school will be closed during the above dates. Term 3 will begin on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7:30 am. The gate will open at 7:00 am.

#### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Activity: Book Character Dress-up Day

In celebration of World Book Day, children are requested to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. They should also bring along their favourite book.



We participated in some fun challenges like making cloudy dough, magic rain, lemon volcanoes and hot ice.

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

### Final Note:

