



Preschool Gum Tree Newsletter



We listened to the story 'The very Hungry Caterpillar' and painted our own egg carton caterpillar.



We discussed how caterpillar turns into a beautiful butterfly and painted our own butterfly for our class board.

Activities Covered:

Welcome back to term 3! We've had a great start with **Book Week**. Our focused author for this term was Eric who is very famous for his children's books like 'Brown Bear Brown Bear', 'What do You See', 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird', and 'The Very Busy Spider'.

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

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story and discussed journey of the caterpillar. What he ate throughout the week and how he transformed into a butterfly.

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

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development** we enjoyed practicing for the school concert. We worked on our class song "Action Song", singing, and moving along with the song.

In **Literacy**, we learnt the jolly phonics sound 'l' as in lollipop. We learned its action, and song, and then practiced its formation in different mediums and our workbooks.

In **Mathematics**, we learned how to sequence events & describe familiar routes. We tried to recall our morning routine from the time we woke up and arrived at school. Furthermore, we learned the hexagon shape.

On **Tuesday** we celebrated World Book Day by coming to school dressed as our favourite book character. We also brought along our favourite books for the teacher to read to us. We also paraded our costumes for all to see.

On **Thursday** we rotated all the classes to learn about the books they had been exploring last week and complete various activities based on these books. It was an amazing week!

Upcoming Activities:

This week we will be starting a two-week series topic on Community Helpers and will focus on emergency field helpers such as the police, doctors, dentists, firemen, and paramedics. We will also learn the emergency number of Qatar, which is 999.

In **Communication and Language**, we will learn about listening to emergency sounds such as ambulance sirens, fire drills, and police sirens. We will also be learning about the differences between Qatar's civil defence and those outside Qatar.

In **Mathematics**, we will continue working on sequencing events & describing familiar routes through various hands-on tasks. Furthermore, we will finally learn about the crescent moon shape.

In **Literacy**, we will learn the jolly phonics sound 'f'. We learn its action, and song, formation in different mediums. We will make a flower craft to help us remember the sound.

In **Physical Development**, we are going to roleplay being police officers.

Looks like another fantastic week ahead!



We looked at our books and tried retelling the story in our own words.

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On Thursday, we rotated all the classes to learn about different books and completed various crafts.

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 help others.
- I'm thinking of my future.
- I'm thinking of my country.
- I'm thinking of my health.
- I'm thinking of my role models.



We learnt the jolly phonics sound /l/ and made a lollipop and lamp craft to help us remember our sound.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 2nd May - Career Day

Children are asked to come to school dressed up as someone they would like to be when they grow up.

Parents are also invited to come and speak about their profession.



On Tuesday, we came to school dressed up as our favorite book character and shared the stories with our friends and teachers.

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

Final Note:

As the weather is getting warmer, ensure that your child brings along a water bottle and a cap for outdoor playtime.