



# Preschool Maple Tree Newsletter



Learning how to move our bodies in new and exciting ways has been fun this week. We look forward to trying new things.



We are working through patterning activities. It is new to us, but we are doing our best.

## Activities Covered:

It has been another wonderful week of learning and exploring in the new spaces here at school. We learned some new songs, danced with our new friends and got to know our teachers better too.

Last week, in week 2, as part of the settling-in process, we continued to cover a series of activities to help us further familiarise ourselves with the classroom and the daily activities and routines.

In **Communication and Language**, we read the stories '*Hands are not for Hitting*' and '*Germs are not for Sharing*' which taught us how to be kind to each other. We can do this by keeping our hands to ourselves as well as protect ourselves and each other by keeping our hands and faces clean.

In **Literacy**, we used our listening ears for different listening games to help us identify and understand different sounds in our surroundings. Searching for our names in the "If your name is on the plate, pick it up" game was so exciting! By the end of the week, we could find some of our friend's names too!

In **Mathematics**, we learnt the number 2, the colour red, and all about a square.

In **Understanding the World**, we looked at some of our favourite things here at school and so far, singing and dancing takes the lead.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we worked together to make the different parts to decorate our door and make it personal to us!

On Thursday, we made a door display for our classroom and used all the wonderful crafts that we made throughout the week together. This was quite a lot of fun!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, in week 3, we will focus on getting to know our friends a little bit more by identifying what we have in common and what makes us different from one another too. We will also build on our understanding of the spaces in our school where we come together to play and learn.

In **Communication and Language**, we will read "*The Little Red Riding Hood*" and learn about the importance of not speaking to strangers as well as noticing the differences between us, in appearance.

In **Physical Development**, we will practise listening skills as we follow the instructions on moving our bodies in new and different ways.

In **Literacy**, we will continue with visual discrimination activities and how to spot the differences in pictures in our environment. Paying attention to details is important to help us with spatial awareness. We will make a make craft to help us to recognise it in our classroom too.

In **Mathematics**, we will focus on all characteristics of the number 3, the colour yellow and a triangle.

We look forward to another exciting week!



There were mixed emotions when we had sensory play this week. Some were excited, others were confused.

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We learnt how to play new games like "Duck, duck, goose" and focused on our fine motor skills to build different things.



### Tips for home:

- Please ensure your child gets to bed at a reasonable hour so he/she is ready to learn when they get to school.
- Display your child's work from school to help build a sense of pride in their accomplishments.
- 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.



Working with the paint triggered all our happy emotions that's for sure!

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September - Friendship Mural and games**

We will be spending the day together in the gym making a friendship mural for our classroom and when we are all done we will play various games together to further develop our skills, grow our friendships and most importantly, **HAVE FUN!**



The idea of working together in a group took some time to grasp, but with support from our teachers we quickly understood what we needed to do! This was such a fun activity.

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

### Final Note:

Routine is an important part of building your child's comfort level at school. Please make sure you drop your child off at school no later than 7:30 a.m. and pick them up at the end of the day at 12:30 p.m.

We look forward to working closely with you, to form a strong, home-school partnership, which will help to encourage your child to have a happy and successful year in Preschool.