



# Preschool Maple Tree Newsletter



Squish fish yoga helped us wake up some of the muscles that have been resting.



We worked together so beautifully to play Bingo.

## Activities Covered:

Welcome back to school everyone! I trust that you all had a wonderful Winter Break and are ready to go on more adventures with us. Last week we took a deep dive into the ocean and learnt all about the **Sea Animals** that live there. What they look like and how they live under water.

In **Communication and Language**, we read the story "Fidgety Fish". We saw some interesting fish and found out what creatures live in deep dark caves.

In **Literacy**, we continued with our Jolly Phonics. We did revision on some of the sounds we were learning at the end of Term 1.

In **Mathematics**, we went on a colour and number hunt in our classroom. This was exciting as they all worked together to find everything. They then came to do a fishbowl activity where they had to match the number of fish in the fishbowl to the number on the flash cards.

In **Understanding of the World**, we watched a video about going to the aquarium and how we could make the most of our trip on Thursday.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we made a backdrop to add our sea animals to have our very own aquarium in the classroom.

In **Physical Development**, we learnt how to do Squish the fish yoga. We needed these stretches after the relaxing holiday we have just had!

On **Thursday**, we went on a bus trip to the Hamad Port Aquarium. The children are so excited to be back on the bus travelling around the city. We enjoyed singing and playing eye spy on the way there.

Whilst we were there, our children behaved so well and were fascinated by all the sea animals they could find. We were so proud of them.

## Upcoming Activities:

This week we venture out into the wild to learn more about **Zoo/Jungle Animals**. We have so much to see, let's go!

In **Communication and Language**, we will be listening to "Topsy and Tim go to Zoo" and learn more about the different animals we can see in the zoo.

In **Personal, Emotional and Social Development**, we will learn about the habitat that the jungle animals live in. How the trees, tall grass, sand and logs serve as shelter and provide a home for the animals.

In **Physical Development**, we will learn how to be different wild animals moving through the jungle doing our best not to disturb the environment around us. Whilst we do this we are going to see if we can find different paw prints.

In **Literacy**, we will continue with our Jolly Phonics. Our new sound will be the phonics sound /m/. We will make a m craft to remember the sound.

In **Expressive Art and Design**, we will paint the background of our jungle animal using many colours. This will make it easy for us to paste the different pieces of the animals to make a portrait of our wild animals.

Grab your binoculars and let's see how many animals we can find!



Counting all the fish in the fishbowl can be tricky as they don't stop swimming.



There was a wide variety of viewing windows to see the different fish that we can find in the sea.

### 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.



In the aquarium we looked at the different animals up close. For the children who were brave enough, they held a star fish in their hands.

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Wild animals Dress Up.**

We are going to have a fun wild animals dress up day parade at school. All children are going to make a wild animal costume at home with their parents and wear it for the parade! Don't be afraid to let your imaginations run wild! We will also engage in enjoyable craft activities focused on creating representations of wild animals.



Out on the playground we pretended to be great explorers.

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 12:30p.m.