



Preschool Maple Tree Newsletter



We loved pretending to be animals in the zoo at feeding time.



Standing and painting is just as fun as sitting. Practicing both skills are important.

Activities Covered:

Well done to all the children for settling back into school so well after the holiday break! Last week we explored the world of **Zoo/Wild Animals** and enjoyed a busy week of learning and fun-filled activities.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story "**Topsy and Tim go to the Zoo**" and heard all about their experiences visiting the zoo.

In **Literacy**, we continued with our Jolly Phonics and learnt the sound /m/ and made a mouse craft to remember the sound.

In **Mathematics**, we practiced our shape recognition and joined shapes together to form a body image.

In **Understanding of the World**, we learnt about what the different animals eat and listened to the story "**Dear Zoo**" and all the children got turns dressing up as the animals in the story. They had a blast!

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we did some prep for our Thursday activity making a backdrop which they painted. We also enjoyed acting out "**Going on a Lion hunt**" and learnt a fun new song about jungle animals.

In **Physical Development**, we had some fun navigating through a jungle maze in the classroom. This involved lots of skill, co-ordination and concentration.

In **Personal, Social and emotional Development**, we learnt about the different habitats of wild animals and created a sensory habitat for the wild animals.

On **Thursday**, we did a craft activity choosing a wild animal to make and not to forget parading dressed up as a wild animal. The children loved seeing everyone's animal costumes and enjoyed playing together. It was a busy week jam packed with fun learning activities. We can't wait for next week!

Upcoming Activities:

This week we will be learning about '**The Farm**' and about all the farm animals, how to care for them and what their babies are called.

In **Communication and Language**, we will be listening to the story called "**Listen the Cow**" and watch a video about visiting the farm and learn some farm animal vocabulary.

In **Mathematics**, we will be focusing on the number 12. We will learn how to make AABB and ABC patterns using a variety of resources.

In **Physical Development**, we will practice our cutting skills by colouring in farm animal picture, then cutting along the lines to make strips which they must stick together in the correct sequence to make the picture of the farm animal.

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

In **Expressive Art and Design**, we will enjoy some movement time singing and dancing to farm animal songs. We will focus on the rhyme "Baa Baa Black sheep" and make a sheep craft to remember this.

Its going to be another awesome week of learning!



Going on a shape hunt in our classroom and then using the shapes to build our body was lots of fun!



We used various materials to make a cage for the animals in the zoo, to keep us safe from harm.

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.



Wild animals making wild animals, what fun!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 22nd January - School Trip

We will be going on a school trip to the North Sedra Farm to learn about the animals and produce of the farm.

Please return the signed permission slip along with payment as soon as possible if you haven't done so already.

Children need to arrive on time for the bus and should wear complete school uniform including the school jacket.



Oh, what a blast we had being wild animals today.

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.