



Preschool Maple Tree Newsletter



We worked together to make the volcano for our eruption experiment.



Learning about weight using the scale was interesting. We grasped the concept almost immediately.

Activities Covered:

Last week we explored the world of **Dinosaurs** and had so much fun learning all about how they lived and why they became extinct.

In **Communication and Language**, we learnt the names of the different Dinosaurs and revised everything about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

In **Literacy**, we continued with our Jolly Phonics and our sound for the week was /o/ and made an octopus craft to remember the letter.

In **Mathematics**, we learnt the concept of heavy and light, and we practiced this by measuring a variety of different items using a scale to see which one was heavy and which one was light.

In **Understanding of the World**, they made a volcano out of clay and then did an experiment to see how a volcano erupts. This was so amazing!

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we did some dinosaur prints by putting on some makeshift dinosaur feet, painting the feet and stomping on a big sheet of paper.

In **Physical Development**, we learnt about what a Palaeontologist does and did some fossil digging using magnifying glasses and brushes. During the week we also prepared and practiced our races for our upcoming Sports Day.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we listened to the story **Harry and the bucket full of dinosaurs** and played a fun dinosaur game! We had a blast!

On **Thursday**, we enjoyed a fun day finding Dinosaur fossils cracking open an egg to see what was inside, we played some cool games and came dressed up like a Dinosaur! It was such an awesome day!

Upcoming Activities:

After the Mid-Term Break, our next theme is **Growing Plants**. This is going to be an interesting week learning all about how plants grow.

In **Communication and Language**, we will listen to the story "The Tiny Seed" which tells us all about the journey from a seed to a grown plant.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we will do an experiment growing some bean seeds in the class and watch how the seed transforms into a plant.

In **Physical Development**, we will plant our own little grass garden to take home and look after.

In **Understanding of the World**, we will learn about the life cycle of a plant and do an activity to sequence the growth of a plant in the correct order.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will listen to the story "Sam's Sunflowers" and make a lovely, yellow sunflower craft to remember this story.

It's going to be a busy week with lots of hands-on exploration and fascinating activities to help us learn all about plants and how they grow!



We are more attentive during discussion and demonstration sessions. How we understand and express this understanding is evident in the work that we completed. Keep it up everyone!



Dinosaur day was pre-historic. We came in our dinosaur clothing and laughed and played together. Watching the volcano erupt was fantastic!

Upcoming Events:

Sports Day - 8th February

Enjoy the day with us at Arwa Bint Abdulmottaleb Secondary School for girls at 9:00 am - 11:00 am.

Mid-Term Break: 10th February - 14th February.

Time for a break! Last day of school will be 9th February and we will resume school on Sunday 15th February.

EC Micro-Farm, Qatar Foundation Trip - Monday, 16th February

The planting workshop will focus on sensory exploration, simple planting steps, and hands-on interaction with soil and plants, encouraging curiosity and early environmental awareness.

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.



All day we felt joy, joy, joy.



We were determined to get the dinosaurs out of the eggs by any means necessary.

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.