



Preschool Maple Tree Newsletter



Listening to stories in class and in the library this week gave us a lot to think about. Who knew there was a whole world of creatures no bigger than our thumbs.



Going on a bug hunt and marching like the ants do gave us a good idea of working together and how to stay safe and hide.



Activities Covered:

Last week we investigated the creepy crawly world of "Minibeasts."

In **Communication and Language**, we played a guessing game to figure out the minibeast by looking at some clues and enjoyed reading the story "Mad about Minibeasts".

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we read the story the "The very Hungry Caterpillar". We learnt about the how a caterpillar changes into a beautiful butterfly and the children got turns to sequence the events of the story.

In **Understanding of the World**, we continued further learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and did an activity to sequence the order of what happens by colouring in and cutting out pictures to stick correctly.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we enjoyed some movement time singing and dancing to the song "The ants go marching" and made a cool craft of ants in their natural habitat. They used a variety of creative techniques to make this from tearing paper to stick, painting and fingerprinting some ants onto their artwork. It was a lot of work, but we did it!

In **Physical Development**, we made a bug habitat and used their fine motor skills to work with tweezers to find the bugs. It was so much fun!

On Thursday, we enjoyed a busy morning of fun activities, like going through a spider web obstacle course, playing in sensory mud bin to find minibeasts, as well as a super fun game swatting insect balloons. After that we all worked together to pack all the food collected into the Ramadan boxes. Thank you so much to everyone for being so kind and generous!

Upcoming Activities:

This week, we leave the world of animals and will be learning all about **Seasons**. This week we will be concentrating on Autumn and Winter.

In **Communication and Language**, we will read the story "The Jacket I wear in the Snow" and discuss what clothing we will wear in these seasons, as well as the changes that happen.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we will start practising for our upcoming concert.

In **Literacy**, we will learn the letter // and make a craft to remember this sound.

In **Mathematics**, we will be practicing counting backwards and finding the missing numbers from 1 -10.

In **Understanding of the World**, we will learn about Arctic animals and how they survive in the cold weather.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will explore mixing colours together and make an autumn tree. We will mix red and yellow together to create orange and mix orange and black together to make brown. These are autumn colours and will represent the leaves during autumn time. We will also make our own snowman using a variety of resources. It's going to be a busy week!



We looked for the minibeasts in their environment and saw how they hide away from us.



Moving like a spider isn't an easy thing to do. You must move all your body parts together.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 5th of March
Autumn and Winter games

Next Thursday, our little adventurers will be in for a treat! We will have a fun-filled day with winter accessories like cozy scarves and warm winter hats!

We will dive into seasonal games such as sorting colourful autumn leaves, making friends with leaf buddies, and building igloos with ice! Our Arctic-themed speed race with animals is sure to be a blast, and we'll explore the wonders of a winter sensory bin with our favourite arctic pals! The day will end with a magical snow activity, bringing winter to life in our school! Can't wait to share the frosty fun with everyone!

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.

Our initiative from the Ministry of Education "Safe Surfing" under the slogan "Allah watches me, in secret and in public", emphasizing the importance of awareness of personality and digital relationships in the lives of our children. Please complete all the activities sent to you on ClassDojo.



Watching caterpillars grow was amazing!

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.



Messy play is our absolute favourite activity now. There is nothing better than learning through play!