



Preschool Maple Tree's Newsletter

To celebrate our friendship, we made a friendship tree for our class.



We learnt the /s/ sound in Jolly Phonics. Help your child to remember the sound by finding it in the environment around them, finding objects that start with the sound and pictures in their story books too.

Activities Covered:

It has been another great week of settling in and learning and getting to know our new spaces here at school. In week 3 as part of the settling-in process, we explored the school environment, learnt about kindness and sharing with our friends.

In **Communication and Language**, we read the story "**Here Are My Hands**". For our craft we made a friendship bracelet for our friends.

In **Mathematics**, we introduced the concept of **more than**, **fewer than** and **same**. We used resources around the classroom like sand, water and classroom toys to gauge them using sight and weight to link the above-mentioned differences.

In **Physical Development**, we introduced the children to the "parachute" and explored different movements while navigating the use of it.

In **Understanding the World**, we learnt how to greet one another in different languages from around the world.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we learnt how to be kind to one another and share, give love and grow together. To represent this love for each other, we made a friendship heart tree for our classroom.

Thursday was filled with friendship, fun and lots of smiles! Our little learners discovered what it means to be a good friend through our Wrinkled Heart Activity, learning how our words and actions can affect others. We also painted our very own clay handprints, created a "Good Friend" pebble, and enjoyed lots of fun friendship games together! It was a wonderful day of kindness, sharing, caring and making happy memories with our friends!

Upcoming Activities:

Wow it is already week 4 of school. This week we will be learning all about "**My Health**" and what are good habits we should practice and what foods we should eat.

In **Communication and Language**, we will explore the different foods we can eat to help us grow big and strong. We will look at the different effects healthy foods and sometimes healthy foods have on our bodies.

In **Personal, Emotional and Social Development**, we will be making a delicious and healthy sandwich to eat at school.

In **Literacy**, we will continue with our Jolly Phonics, and our sound this week is /a/. We will investigate at the apple table and choose to either complete a threading apple or an apple stamp craft.

In **Mathematics**, we will explore space, shapes and matter. By looking at different objects, we will be able to determine what they look like, how they feel and how we can use them together to build different structures.

There is so much to see and do this week, come on, let's go!



We are making sure our friends are washing their hands thoroughly to keep the germs away. You can help them at home by singing this song: **Tops and bottoms x2, in between x2. All around your hands x2, makes them clean x2. Good Luck!**

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We demonstrated how much we have grown in this week by working together at the tables and sharing with one another nicely.



Also, by working together as a team to play a game to empty the trays as fast as we could.

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.



We focused our energies and painted our little friendship rocks all on our own. Well done Maple Tree Class. You are doing such a great job!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 24th September
Vegetables and Fruit Market

We will make healthy choices on a fun trip to the Fruit and Vegetable Market! Our tiny shoppers will explore a world of fresh produce and practice using "market money" to buy their delicious snacks! Our teachers will help by setting up a makeshift market right at the school!



Working in pairs was so much fun.

If I can do it, you can do it, we all can do it !



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.