

Preschool Maple Tree's Weekly Newsletter

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We coloured in and cut out our home. Inside we did our best to draw some of our family members.



We looked at homes around the world and made a mud hut from Africa.

Activities Covered:

Welcome back everyone! We were all so excited to see one another after our mid-term break. All the hugs and loves truly filled our cups!

Last week we learned all about '**My Home**' and in **Communication and Language** we looked around the world at how others design and decorate their homes and how they live. The story of the Three little lambs helped us to understand this concept.

In **Mathematics,** we began to order number names 1-6 . We counted, modelled, and copied sequences for numbers 1,2,3,4,5, and 6. Children practiced songs like '**1, 2 buckle my shoe**', and **1,2,3,4,5, Once I caught a fish alive** to assist in memorising the sequence of the numbers.

In **Personal, Emotional and Social Development**, we learned what it means to have good table manners and role-played setting a dining table. We enjoyed a meal together to ensure we understood the importance of the skills we have learned when eating together at the table.

In **Literacy**, we revised all the phonics sounds learnt so far: and introduced a new sound '**n**'. We learned different words with the sound '**n**'. Children practiced writing the sound using correct formation and made a very cute bird's **n**est to help us remember the sound.

Thursday activity gave us a chance to be little designers of our very own home. We used real objects and ornaments to create four different spaces. We rearranged a kitchen, a bedroom, a lounge area and a dining room. The ideas that our little designers came up with took us by surprise. They already have an eye for details when it comes to the spaces around them. We are so proud of all their efforts!

Upcoming Activities:

This week we will learn all about '**My Family**'. We have touched on this theme throughout the weeks leading up to this week. We are excited to see if they can recall concepts we have looked at already and see how they can apply it to the new activities.

In **Communication and Language**, the children will look at who they have in their family, does anyone have baby brothers or sisters. We will also learn the importance of their presence in their family.

In **Personal, Emotional and Social Development,** we read the 'Busy Bears Family' book and look learn about the different roles of each family member. Together we will make groups of families to act the different responsibilities.

In **Literacy**, we will revise all the sounds we have learnt already and work through an assessment to be able to see how far we have come in our journey learning all about phonics.

In **Mathematics**, we will play a Hoola number game, colour matching game and a shape jump game to revise and assess our understanding of these concepts through play.

In **Physical Development,** we are moving through lesson 4 and into lesson 5 in the Edumove programme.

In **Understanding of the world**, we will identify the different family members in our family with the photos that were sent to school for us to use. Once they have made the distinctions we will build family member puzzles.

In **Expressive art and Design,** we will continue to learn how to use shapes to build our body using concrete pieces. Once we have grasped the concept, we will build a picture of us and our parents using the shapes.

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We learned that we can take many pieces and put them together to create one idea.

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.
- Limit **screen time** to 1 hour per day.



Watching our children interact in the spaces they created together was fun. Their creativity is growing.





Upcoming Events:

Thursday 12th November
Family Dress Up Day

We are going to have a family dress up day.

We will get to choose a member of our family that we want to look like for the day. We wear the clothes they wear and pretend to be them here at school. As part of our activities, we will visit the post office and send mail to our parents from all of us here at school. We will get to check our classroom mailbox for mail from our parents too!





Our teamwork skills continue to grow day by day. Just look at us go.

Communicating and moving as one.

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.