



Preschool Maple Tree's Weekly  
Newsletter

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We are learning how to move our bodies in different ways. Here we are passing toys over our heads.



I can find the letters for my name.

## Activities Covered:

It has been another awesome week of learning and developing friendships with all our new friends in the school. Playing together and doing all the fun class activities, has made the settling-in process so much easier.

Last week, in week 3 our focus was getting to know our friends. We learnt all about the importance of friends and how to be a kind friend.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we did the **Brown Bag friendship story** activity. We got a brown bag to take home and put 5 of their favourite things inside to bring to school. We all got a turn to stand up and tell the class about what was inside our bag.

In **Literacy**, we read the story '**The Selfish Crocodile**' which was about a crocodile who was not a very good friend. As a fun craft, we made a crocodile headband to wear. We also did an activity of **Spot the Difference** where we had 2 similar pictures to look at and find the differences in each picture. This was a good exercise for **visual discrimination**.

In **Mathematics**, we introduced the number 1 and focussed on recognising and practicing writing this number.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we made a friendship quilt. We each painted a picture of ourselves. They were joined together to make a quilt that was used to display some important roles of being a good friend.

On Thursday, we got to do some baking together and made some delicious friendship cookies! Did you know that you can make healthy cookies using only 2 ingredients?

We also decorated a picture frame to take home with a photo in, which will be a memory of our fun-filled week at school.

## Upcoming Activities:

It's week 4 already! This week we will focus on **Emotions**. We will learn the types of emotions we experience every day and how they make us feel.

In **Communication and Language**, we will listen to the story '**The Emotions Book**' and will have turns to copy and act on the emotions that we see.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we will talk about our feelings and play an emotions bingo game.

In **Physical Development**, we will play a game called 'Feelings Parade' and do some emotions yoga. This sounds like a lot of fun!

In **Literacy**, we will be starting with our Jolly Phonics program and will learn our first sound /s/. The sound will be introduced in various ways such as with a story, jingle song, and picture cards. We will also make a snake craft to help us remember the sound.

In **Mathematics**, we will focus on all characteristics of the **number 2**. What it looks like, how to practice the correct formation, quantifying, and searching for it in the class.

It is going to be a busy week ahead!



Spending time at the tables is going to take some getting used to but are taking it one day at a time.

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We worked together to bake our banana and oat cookies.

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Emotions  
Craft and play**

We will make an emotions craft to demonstrate our favourite emotions. Then we will perform a play about feelings and emotions alongside our teachers. There will be popcorn and juice to enjoy while we watch the play.

### 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.



Ms. Cathy reminded us of the importance of being safe when working by the oven and showed us some movements to remind us of the steps we used to make our oat cookies.

### My values Draw My Identity

Parents are our partners in responsibility.

What you say to your children is not important; what counts is what you do!

You are their role models.

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.

Latecomers and early pick-ups prevent the child from achieving their full learning potential since they miss out on important lessons.



While we were waiting for our cookies to bake, we made a funky frame for one of our photos for last week!