



Preschool Palm Tree's Weekly Newsletter  
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# Preschool Palm Tree Newsletter



We created a Kindness Tree full of loving hearts for our friends.



Having fun with shaving cream and paint in Expressive Arts and Design. We loved mixing, squishing and enjoying some messy play!

## Activities Covered:

It has been another wonderful week of learning and exploring in the new spaces here at school. We learned some new songs, danced with our new friends and got to know our teachers better too.

Last week, in week 2, as part of the settling-in process, we continued to cover a series of activities to help us further familiarise ourselves with the classroom and the daily activities and routines.

In **Communication and Language**, we read the stories '*Hands are not for Hitting*' and '*Germs are not for Sharing*' which taught us how to be kind to each other. We can do this by keeping our hands to ourselves as well as protect ourselves and each other by keeping our hands and faces clean.

In **Literacy**, we used our listening ears for different listening games to help us identify and understand different sounds in our surroundings. Searching for our names in the "If your name is on the plate, pick it up" game was so exciting! By the end of the week, we could find some of our friend's names too!

In **Mathematics**, we continued counting through number songs and focused on the colours blue, purple, pink and black.

In **Understanding the World**, we looked at some of our favourite things here at school and so far, singing and dancing takes the lead.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we explored different ways to mix colours and differentiate between primary and secondary colours.

On Thursday, we got even more creative in making friendship necklaces. We made one for ourselves and another to give a special friend in class. It was a great second week!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, in week 3, we will focus on getting to know our friends a little bit more by identifying what we have in common and what makes us different from one another too. Both factors help to build connections and learn to be considerate of one another.

In **Communication and Language**, we will read "*Be nice to your friends*" and learn about the way we can work together and share in our classroom.

In **Physical Development**, we will practise listening skills as we follow the instructions on moving our bodies in new and different ways.

In **Literacy**, we will continue with visual discrimination activities and how to spot the differences in pictures in our environment. Paying attention to details is important to help us with spatial awareness.

In **Mathematics**, we will focus on all characteristics of the number 1. What it looks like, how to practice the correct formation, quantifying, and searching for it in the class.

We look forward to another exciting week!



To enhance our visual discrimination abilities, we used pompons in different ways, to copy the colours to make the patterns.

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Our Thursday activity was all about creativity and we got to make their own friendship necklace.

### 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.



Palm Tree Class forever friends wearing their friendship necklaces.

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September - baking healthy cookies**

We will be making some delicious cookies using only 2 ingredients. banana and oats. While we wait for them to cool down, we will decorate a photo frame to save one of our early memories here at school.

Let us know if your child has allergies to oats and or bananas.



Threading pasta to make our friendship necklace involved some skills and concentration.

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.