



# Preschool Maple Tree Newsletter



It was interesting to learn that we use milk to make cheese, yoghurt, chocolate, and ice-cream.



We were gentle when cutting the wool off the sheep during our morning duties on the farm.

## Activities Covered:

Last week we learned more about the animals on the farm and their produce. There are so many things that we consume that we can get from the farm.

In **Communication and Language**, we went on a virtual walk around the farm to have a look at how the farmer looks after the animals and handles them with care, for example, to remove the wool from the sheep.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we learnt how milk is good for our bodies. Milk is a product that comes from a cow, and it gives us so many other delicious products such as cheese, yoghurt, ice cream, and butter. We milked a pretend cow in class.

In **Physical Development**, we listened and acted out 'The Enormous Turnip' story. We were full of energy and did a good job pulling the turnip out of the ground.

In **Understanding the World**, we explored the chicken's life cycle and completed a sequence activity to help us remember the order in which the chicken develops.

In **Literacy**, we revised Jolly Phonics sounds 'p' and 'n'. We continued to practice these sounds looking for them in our environment, correct formation in various mediums, and worked in our revision booklets for extra practice.

On **Thursday**, we had a visit from the veterinarian, and they showed us how to properly take care of our pets and make sure that they feel the same just as we are happy, safe, loved, and healthy.

Some of our friends brought their pets from home to show and describe how they look after them at home.

Who knew the farm was such an interesting, fun-filled place?

## Upcoming Activities:

This week we are going to take a deep dive into the ocean to learn more about the **Sea Animals**.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we will listen to the story of "The Rainbow Fish" and the importance of knowing how to share. Then we will play a sea animal bingo game together, practicing the sharing skills we have been learning about.

In **Physical Development**, we will do a group painting activity and practice some underwater yoga movements.

In **Understanding the World**, we are going to explore the depths of the ocean and how the colour of the "Hues of Blue" water changes the deeper you go.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will complete an art piece that will help us remember the knowledge of the "Hues of Blue" in the ocean.

We are going to explore an environment that isn't where human beings can live but finding out that there are so many other wonderful creatures down there will be thrilling!

We can wait!



It was a busy day on the farm, milking the cows and doing quality control checks. The qualified staff on hand were satisfied.



### Upcoming Events:

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Aquarium Trip

We are heading to the aquarium! Now that we know how much fun we can have when we travel together on the bus, we are excited to explore the underwater world and see all the amazing sea creatures.



This is Bailey. He is a senior dog that came with to teach us about the important things to learn before owning a pet. We had support to meet him and listen to his healthy heart.

### Tips for home:

- 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.

### My values Draw My Identity

#### Our Partners in Responsibility

To help your children develop the habit of 'drinking enough water', be their role models and ensure the following: Eliminate artificial juices from home, make water accessible in household areas, and set fixed times for drinking water.



We met and helped to name some of the pets that came to visit with us.



Thank you to Dr. Alessandro and Bailey for coming to visit with us and teach us how to take proper care of our pets.

To see more photos of our adventures in learning be sure to visit our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

'Your well-being is a trust' initiative:

*Healthy living for a strong body and mind.*

### Final Note:

A friendly reminder that children must wear their school jackets as part of their uniform. Jackets and long pants are available for purchase.