



Preschool Maple Tree Newsletter



Watching a volcano reaction is always fun!



Learning how to be patient palaeontologists was interesting as we had to work carefully and look for small details to find the dinosaur fossils.

Activities Covered:

Upcoming Activities:

Last week we went on an adventure way back in time and learnt all about the dynamic world of "Dinosaurs".

This week the name of the game is "Sports". It's only fitting with the whole country celebrating National Sports Day. We will be having a Sports Day event and do some fun races to show off our talents.

In **Communication and Language**, we watched some videos about these animals. We learnt the names of some dinosaurs and wow, they sure did have some very long names! We also learnt about their diet and which category they fall into; were they carnivores, herbivores, or omnivores? We had covered this already when we did wild animals so this was pretty easy for us.

In **Communication and Language**, the world of sports will be introduced and the many different sports that are played. We will listen to a story and watch a video to explain all the sports.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we made an agreement on 7 healthy habits that we practice every day to promote a healthy lifestyle. We are getting so good at this and are definitely responsible, healthy, and kind to each other.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we will be learning all about 'teamwork' and how important this is when playing different sports.

In **Physical Development**, we learnt what a palaeontologist is. We found some dinosaur fossils in the digger boxes and used delicate skills to dig and clean up these amazing treasures. We also practiced our races for our upcoming Sports Day event.

In **Understanding the World**, we will learn why sports teams all where their own kit. This is how we can tell them apart and who belongs to which team. We will listen to the story 'Max Explains Everything Soccer' which will help us understand the meaning of this.

In **Understanding the World**, we had so much fun creating a mini volcano and got to see how it erupted. We also learnt the meaning of the word extinct and why dinosaurs are no longer living on Earth.

In **Literacy**, we are all done with revision and will be focussing on a new sound. The new jolly phonics sound is /r/ we will be using various practical methods such as sound games, matching items to the sound, and practice their formation of the letter using various mediums and will make a rocket to remember the sound.

In **Mathematics**, we did some measuring of weight, which was super interesting to see which objects were heavy and which were light. We also measured different dinosaurs to see which ones were tall or short.

This week will be a physically busy one and we will be using all our power to get through it. We are so excited for our sports day!

On **Thursday**, we had a busy day of dinosaur mania! We had a dinosaur dress-up day and played with various sensory bins filled with dinosaurs and different textural elements. We got down and messy with this activity! We also played being palaeontologists making our own fossil egg and finding it. We then carefully used tools to crack open the fossil to find a mini dinosaur inside which we got to take home. It has been such an exciting week!



A velociraptor came to visit in the class during our lesson. Good thing Ranger Frida had control of the situation.



We searched for dinosaurs in different textures.
Now this was exciting stuff!

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.

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Our Partners in Responsibility

To help your children develop the habit of 'exercising, be their role models and ensure the following: Limit screen time, set a fixed time for exercise, provide a safe environment, and join them in outdoor walking activities.



Being dinosaurs for the day was too much fun!!!

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 11th February - Qatar National Sport Day

This will be a public holiday, and we hope you seize this opportunity to join in the many sporting events around Qatar.



We also searched for dinosaur fossils and oh boy, what a find! There were T-Rex's, Triceratops and a Stegosaurus.

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.