



Preschool Maple Tree Newsletter



We are trying to focus for longer periods of time. This helps as we are working hard to use the scissors to cut out shapes.



We made r-r-rocket ships to fly to the moon.

Activities Covered:

Last week, we dived into the world of "Sports". We learnt all about the different kinds of sports that can be played as a team or as an individual and what equipment is used to play these sports.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story "*Pete the Cat Plays Ball*" and watched a video that helped us learn all the names of the different sports.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we got to practice teamwork by playing a friendly football game to understand what it means to play on a team.

In **Mathematics**, we were introduced to the number 15. We practiced our counting skills and matching quantity to the number from numbers 1 to 15.

In **Physical Development**, we practiced our cutting skills by cutting out a basketball and pasting it onto a picture of a hoop. We also enjoyed our fabulous Sports Day event which involved a lot of physical stamina.

In **Understanding the World**, we learnt all about the world of soccer and listened to the story "*Max Explains Everything*". We learnt the importance of wearing a specific kit and that the teams' colour and designs are different. This way they can be recognised when playing a match.

On **Sunday**, we had our Sports Day event at the Arwa Bint Abdulmottaleb Secondary School which was enjoyed by all of us. We did various sporting activities which included a relay race, tug of war, egg and spoon race, sack race, and an obstacle course. We enjoyed cheering on our friends, we participated with enthusiasm and worked together as a team.

Well done to everyone, it was such a wonderful day!

Upcoming Activities:

This week we will be exploring the world of "Mini Beasts". We are looking forward to learning all about these amazing creatures.

In **Communication and Language**, we will discover different types of minibeasts through a game and flashcards. I wonder what my favourite one will be! Then we will listen to and recall the story '*The Very Busy Bee*'.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we will listen to the story '*The Hungry Caterpillar*' and work together to sequence the story. This will also remind us that eating healthy helps us have a strong and healthy body.

In **Understanding the World**, we will learn all about the life cycle of a butterfly and will act out the stages of this process. That sounds like such fun!

In **Expressive Art and Design**, we will have some fun singing and doing the actions to the song the 'Ants go marching' and to remember this we will make a craft. We will also learn some new rhymes to help us with language development.

This week sounds like it will be creeping and crawling with loads of fun things to learn and do!



Practicing for the sports day gave us a good idea of what to expect!



In the hall we started with co-ordination games that required us to engage our core as well as focus on hand-eye and foot-eye co-ordination.

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.



Doing obstacle courses, Tug-o-war and celebrating together was the highlight of the day!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 20th February - Trip to Al Shaqab Equestrian Club

We will travel to the Al Shaqab Equestrian Club for a fun day of activities as part of the Equestrian Season 2025 Championships.

Kindly return the permission slip and payment as soon as possible.



Kicking the ball into the nets are not as easy as it looks. We needed some help to make sure our aim was good.

Managing to walk without dropping our eggs was just as challenging but we did it!

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.