



# Preschool Maple Tree Newsletter



Working together as a group to complete tasks is a part of the day that we look forward to!



Building friendships and growing together is what school days are for!

## Activities Covered:

Last week, we used our looking eyes to find all the "Mini Beasts" in our environment and find out more about their characteristics and habitat.

In **Communication and Language**, we discovered different types of minibeasts through a game and flashcards. We listened to the story 'The Very Busy Bee'. Most friends were fascinated with the bee and how important they are in the ecosystem.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we listened to the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and worked together to sequence the story. This reminded us that eating healthy helps us have a strong and healthy body.

In **Mathematics**, we recapped all the concepts we have been learning including patterns and missing numbers. We used various hands-on manipulatives to revise these concepts.

In **Physical Development**, we focused on our hand-eye coordination to thread a spider's web. It was so sticky and strong.

In **Understanding the World**, we learned all about the life cycle of a butterfly and acted out the stages of this process. We took this task seriously and played our parts with so much character.

On **Thursday**, we went on a school trip to Al Shaqab Equestrian Club to find out more about the Equestrian Season 2025 Championships. There, we were treated to having a look at the stables, how the horses are cared for, and how the jockeys use different equipment to ride in the races and participate in the championships. As always, the highlight of the trip was the pony ride inside the area.

We surprised the handlers with how much we knew about the animals, well done big girls and boys!

We had another fantastic week here at school!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week we will turn our attention to different routines **Animals** have in the "Day and Night".

In **Communication and Language**, we will learn new terminology to describe animals that move in the **day (diurnal)** and animals that move about at **night (nocturnal)**. To help us remember these words we will make a day and night craft.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we continue to work through the activities in the 'Your well-being is a Trust' initiative to help us develop healthy habits and make better choices for our future.

In **Understanding the World**, we will learn all about hibernation and where the animals go to have their 'long sleep'. To further understand this concept, we will learn different prepositions and use wooden blocks to build caves with bears to reinforce the idea.

In **Expressive Art and Design**, we will work together as a class to complete a canvas to auction at our Red Nose Day Charity event. We will be making an owl in the forest display card too. We are such busy bees these days!

Who knew there was more to learn about the animals in our world?



For 100 days of school, we had a visit from Granny Kitty, and she read us the story of the Very Hungry Caterpillar.



Being at Al Shaqab and enjoying the festivities of the day took us to new heights!

### Upcoming Events:

#### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Red Nose Day

Join us in celebrating Red Nose Day at the Kindergarten from 9 am. Our focus for this year's event is "The Children in War".

Children are asked to come dressed in their carnival attire for a day of fun activities.

Don't forget to purchase a ticket for your child, their siblings, and other family members.

### 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 '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.



We went on a ladybug ride through the play area, and it dropped us off to play some games.



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.*



Thank you so much for having us at the Fanzone!

### 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.