



# Preschool Palm Tree Newsletter



In **Physical Development**, we learnt what a palaeologist is, and we used our skills to dig up some dinosaur fossils and clean them up.



In **Maths** we explored what heavy and light is and used scales and some things in the classroom to see which weighed more.

## Activities Covered:

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

In **Communication and Language**, we watched some videos all 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 **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we made an agreement of 7 healthy habits that we should do everyday to promote a healthy lifestyle. We are getting so good at this and are defiantly responsible, healthy and kind children.

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

On **Thursday**, we had a busy day of dinosaur mania! We had a dinosaur dress up day, 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 cracked open the fossil to find a mini dinosaur inside which we got to take home. It has been such an exciting week!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week the name of the game is "Sports". We will be having a Sports Day event and do some fun races to show off our talents.

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 will be learning all bout 'Teamwork' and how important this is when playing different sports.

In **Understanding the World**, we will learn why sport 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 **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.

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!



In **Understanding the World**, we prepared a volcano to do an experiment to see how a volcano erupts. We just loved this activity!



Dinosaur Mania! Roar... Look at us we are the coolest dinosaurs.

### 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.



The hunt is on! Finding dinosaur eggs was awesome. Then we cracked them open to see what was inside.

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February- Fossil Hunt in different mediums**

Let's go to work Friends! We have some digging to do!

Bring your brushes and magnifying glasses and help us dig for fossils in sand, water, foam, and rice!

Let's make this activity even more fun by coming to school dressed in your dinosaur costume. You don't need to buy a new one, you can be creative and make your own!



We had so much fun finding dinosaur fossils in different textural mediums.

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.