



# Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



We started with Jolly Phonics this week and we loved to learn about the s-sound!



It was enjoyable to learn to write number 4 in a fun way!

## Activities Covered:

Last week, we kickstarted the EYFS curriculum and we covered the 'Getting to Know You' topic. We discussed the steps we need to take to make a friend and how cool it is to have new friends in school.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened the story 'Why Should I Share'. We discussed the events in the story and discussed the importance of sharing with our friends.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development** we listened to another story called 'Manner Matters' which was followed by a paper doll craft. We continued to learn how to get along with each other.

In **Physical Development**, we played some exciting friendship games like magic carpet, red light green light, paper balloon friend, and musical chairs. These games were aimed at helping us know more about our friends.

In **Literacy**, we started our Jolly Phonics programme by learning the first 2 sounds: 's' and 'a'. We did their actions while singing their jolly songs to help us remember the sound. We worked in the Jolly Phonics Workbook for the first time as well!

In **Mathematics**, we continued exploring numbers to 10 and reviewed shapes recognition in various hands-on activities.

In **Understanding the World**, we listened to the story 'Bad Apple' which taught us how to accept our friends as they are although we may not always share the same views.

On Thursday, we had another fun activity together with the other reception class. We worked as a team to prepare a special cookie dough using only 2 ingredients: oats and bananas. They were healthy and yummy too! While we waited for the cookies to bake we decorated a photo frame to keep one of first memories in our new class.

It was a fantastic second week at school!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, we are going to explore our 'Emotions'. Did you know that we can express different emotions every day depending on what we are going through or experiencing?

In **Communication and Language**, we will be talking about our emotions and listen to the story 'Glad Monster, Sad Monster' to help us understand our feelings.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we will act out different emotions and learn how to deal with them in the most appropriate ways. We will also make sensory bottles that will help us calm down when we don't know how to handle our emotions.

In **Literacy**, we will revise of the phonics sounds *s*, *a*, and introduce the sounds *t* & *i*. We will also work in our phonics books for the formation of these sounds as well as make tents, turtles, igloos, and insects as crafts.

In **Physical Development**, we will be working on our gross motor skills with balls through throwing and catching games.

We look forward to another exciting week!



Good friendships are an important part of our lives; therefore, we need to treat others with love and respect!



We were bakers on Thursday and made some yummy healthy cookies!

### Tips for home:

- Please ensure your child gets to bed at a reasonable hour so he/she is ready to learn when they get to school.
- 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.
- Drop off and collect your child promptly each day.
- Provide your child with opportunities to **practice their pencil control**.
- Limit **screen time** to 1 hour per day.



We also made a creative photo frame with our special faces in the frame!

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> - Emotions crafts and play**

We will make an emotions spinner to demonstrate our favourite emotions. Then we will perform a play about feelings and emotions alongside our teachers. There will be popcorn and juice to enjoy while we watch the play.



Then we place the cookies in the pan ready for the oven!

To see more photos of our adventures in learning be sure to visit our website:

<http://www.kidnaroundkg.com> or [Kid'n Around Facebook](#) and [Instagram - kidnaroundkg](#)

### Final Note:

Routine is an important part of building your child's comfort level at school. Please make sure you drop your child off at school no later than 7:30 a.m. and pick them up at the end of the day at 12:30 p.m.

We look forward to working closely with you, to form a strong, home-school partnership, which will encourage your child to have a happy and successful year in Reception.