



Reception Cocoa Tree's Weekly  
Newsletter

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We read the story about Chester the raccoon and we made a cute craft of 'The kissing hand' book.



The 'Starting School' story book taught us that taking photos makes good memories. So, we made a memory album of our first week in Reception.

## Activities Covered:

Welcome to the Reception Cocoa Tree class. Ms. Angelique and Ms. Loida are looking forward to working with you to ensure that your child has a happy, rewarding, and successful year. We would particularly like to extend a warm welcome to those families and children who are joining us for the first time.

Our aim is for all children to reach their full potential in a happy, caring atmosphere, where everyone is valued. We want the children to become self-motivated, organised, responsible, independent, and considerate of others and the environment. We believe that enjoyment and willingness to learn are key factors in your child's success at school.

Last week in **Literacy**, we played the name game where we sang each other's names and were tested to see if we could recognise our own names by finding our names on paper plates. We even had a go at tracing and writing our names. We also did visual game activities where we would see if we could find and match images that were the same and talk about images that were different.

In **Mathematics**, we listened to the story '*Big Box of Shapes*' and learnt about the different 2D shapes, counting their sides, and finding objects around the classroom that share similar features. We've even started practicing counting to 20. We practiced putting several objects according to the number that we were learning, and we learnt how to write a different number every day!

In **Physical Development**, we learnt about the importance of developing our gross motor skills and we practiced crossing our midlines and balancing.

During **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story "*The Kissing Hand*". We spoke about the things that made us nervous about starting school. We also learnt that Daddy and Mommy will always support and be there for us. We created a cute raccoon craft with our handprint on the raccoon's tummy.

We had a fantastic first week!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, in week 2, we will continue with our process of settling into school and the routines that we follow. We will also be encouraging friendship building and focus on establishing relationships within the class.

For **Mathematics**, we are going to practice our counting skills by discovering who in class has the longest name and who has the shortest name. We will also continue to practice recognising numbers and shapes.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we will continue with adapting to our class rules and routines through various hands-on tasks.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will listen to the story "*How to be a Friend*". We will learn how important it is to have and how to make friends.

During **Communication and Language**, we will listen to the story '*The Interrupting Chicken*' which will teach us the importance of raising our hands when we want to say something. This is a very important class rule to remember.

It's going to be another fun-filled week!



We had a great time with our friends building the largest tower ever!

Our eyes needed to focus hard to match all the same pictures together! It was so much fun to work together with our friends!



### 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.



Our names give us an identity of ourselves. We learnt, played games and even painted our names.

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - Making friendship bracelets.**

We will celebrate the new friendship we have begun building by making friendship bracelets for our new friends.



We are very intelligent mathematician and were busy trying to find number one.

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.