



# Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



We worked extremely hard to decorate our names with stickers!



After doing this friendship activity, we feel we belong together in the Cocoa tree class.

## Activities Covered:

Last week, in week 2, we continued with our process of settling into school and the routines that we follow. We encouraged friendship building and focused on establishing relationships within the class.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story '*The Interrupting Chicken*' which taught us the importance of raising our hands when we want to say something instead of interrupting the other person who is talking. This is a very important class rule to remember. We also made a chicken craft to help us remember the story.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we continued with adapting to the class rules and routines through various hands-on tasks. We have very good adapting skills.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we continued with understanding rules and routines daily such as tidying up after play, washing our hands before we snack time and after using the toilet etc.

In **Physical Development**, we worked on developing our gross and fine motor skills through various practical activities.

For **Mathematics**, we practiced our counting skills through discovering who in class has the longest name and who has the shortest name. We also continued to practice recognising numbers and shapes.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we listened to the story "*How to be a Friend*". We learned the importance of having and making friends.

On Thursday, we got more creative in making friendship bracelets to celebrate the new friendships we have already made. We made one for ourselves and one to give to a special friend.

It was a fantastic second week at school!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, we are excited to kickstart the EYFS curriculum and we will be covering the '**Getting to Know You**' topic. We will discuss the steps we need to take to make a friend and how cool it is to have friends in school.

Do you know what we are going to do in **Literacy**? We are going to start our Jolly Phonics programme by learning two new sounds each week. We will begin with the sounds **s** and **a**! We will be working in the Jolly Phonics Workbook for the first time as well!

In **Communication and Language**, we will read a book called '*Why Should I Share*'. We will discuss what happened in the story and discuss why it is important to share with our friends.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development** we will watch a story '*Manner Matters*' which will be followed by a paper doll craft. We will learn how to get along with each other.

**Physical Development**, we are going to play some exciting friendship games like magic carpet, red light green light, paper balloon friend, and musical chairs. In this way, we will learn to know our new friends in the class.

We cannot wait for next week!



We loved building our names with playdough. This was an exciting activity!



We love our friends and we made bracelets for our friends and loved ones!

### 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 had great fun against our friends using hoops!

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September: Baking Healthy Cookies**

We will be making some delicious cookies using only 2 ingredients: banana and oats. While we wait for them to cool down, we will decorate a photo frame to save one of our early memories here at school.

Let us know if your child has allergies to oats and or bananas.



It was so much fun to jump and use our bodies to complete this activity.

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.