



Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



It is just amazing to plant seeds and a miracle that they grow.



We conducted an experiment showing us how plants absorb water.

Activities Covered:

Last week, we continued with our series of topics under the theme **Growing**. We learnt about the wonderful world of plants and how they grow and what do seeds need to grow as well!

In **Communication and Language**, we read different stories about plants such as "**Growing Vegetable Soup**", "**Sam's Sunflower**" and "**Sam Plants a Sunflower**". Also, we watched different videos on how to plant a seed, what plants need to grow, and what happens when a bean starts to grow. Then, for the most exciting part, we put our knowledge into practice and planted our own seeds!

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we learnt that just as humans need food and water to live, plants also need food to grow. We conducted an experiment to observe how plants absorb water using food colouring and learn what happens to plants that don't receive any water.

In **Literacy**, we learnt phonetic sounds **f** and **b**. We kept practicing the correct letter formation and blending. We also memorised the High-Frequency Words **can** and **on**.

In **Mathematics**, we continued with addition to 5, 10, and 20. We completed different hands-on activities to help us understand and practice the concept further. We used sums written on post-it notes and matched them to the correct answers, we also used counters to work out different sums.

In **Understanding the World**, we learnt about the life cycle of a sunflower seed. To test our understanding, we then worked as a team to sequence life cycle using flashcards.

On Thursday, we put all the knowledge acquired in the week into practice. We started by making a creative collage of seeds and beans. Then in our class pot, we planted some beans and will be taking care of them in the coming weeks.

We had an amazing week learning how to take care of plants!

Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will complete our series on **Growing** and learn about **growing healthy habits and growing healthy food**. We will learn all about living a healthy lifestyle.

In **Communication and Language**, we read the story '**The Very Hungry Caterpillar**'. We will discuss the story and the impact of healthy and unhealthy foods on our bodies.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we will explore oral hygiene, where we understood the importance of brushing our teeth as well as eating and drinking healthy to keep our teeth in good condition. We will use a teeth model to practice how we should brush our teeth.

In **Physical Development**, we will learn that doing regular exercise and doing yoga is a healthy habit. We are going to have fun copying different yoga movements to keep our bodies healthy and strong.

In **Literacy**, we will be assessed on what we have learnt so far.

For **Mathematics**, we will be continuing with addition to 5, 10 and 20 through various hands-on activities.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will sequence the story '**The Hungry Caterpillar**' using props. We will then have a show and tell activity where we will bring our favourite fruits to talk about and share. It will be delicious!



Did you know that plants need water, soil, and sunlight to be able to grow? We painted a representation of what a plant needs.



On Thursday, we had so much fun creating a flower in a vase and decorated it with different seeds!

Tips for home:

- 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.
- Ensure that your child goes to bed early so they can wake up early and be ready for school.

My values draw my identity:

- I eat healthy food.
- I'm thinking about my health.
- What does health mean?



We planted mongo seeds watered it. We cannot wait for them to grow!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 30th November - Fruits and Vegetables Market

A corner of our schoolyard will be converted into a fresh fruits and vegetables market.

We will have the opportunity to purchase our favourite items and enjoy them.



On Thursday we also planted eggplant seeds! Let see if we will harvest eggplants in a couple of weeks!

To see more photos of our adventures in learning be sure to visit our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Final Note:

Please ensure that your child wears their complete uniform everyday, including the school jacket unless advised otherwise.

Uniforms are available for purchase at school.