



# Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



Reuse...reduce  
...Recycle!  
This is the  
recipe for a  
healthy  
environment.



We used the  
reuse concept  
by creating a  
rabbit container  
out of plastic  
bottles and  
newspapers.

## Activities Covered:

Last week, we began the topic **Growing a Healthy Environment** which came at a good time alongside Qatar Sustainability Week. The week was focused on the awareness of reusing, reducing, and recycling.

We read the book *'Why Should I Recycle'*. The story taught us the importance of keeping a clean and healthy environment. Then, we did different recycling crafts using different recyclable materials brought from home.

In **Communication and Language**, we discussed the importance of recycling, reusing, and reducing to preserve the environment. We then created a poster with the recycle logo and decorated it with items brought from home.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we learnt the effect of plastic on our environment. We got to recycle plastic bottles and turn them into a lovely basket.

In **Physical Development**, we had fun playing games with reusable items.

In **Literacy**, we were assessed for our term 1 report. We practiced the correct letter formation, sound recognition, and blending sounds to read words.

In **Mathematics**, we continued learning the concept of number bonds to 5 and 10. We completed different hands-on activities to help us understand and practice this concept.

In **Understanding the World**, we learnt that 'our trash' can be recycled into 4 categories: plastic, metal, paper, and glass. We then sorted the trash we collected into the 4 categories.

On Thursday, we played games using recycled materials. We made balls from newspapers and magazines. We played bowling using empty water balloons. We even raced to sort the trash. It was great fun and excitement!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will continue with the topic of **Growing a Healthy Environment** and will explore how we can be good citizens in keeping our environment safe and healthy. We will participate in different recycling activities using different recyclable materials. We will also talk about compost and how it is made.

In **Communication and Language**, we will continue to discuss the importance of recycling, reusing, and reducing to preserve the environment. We will then create different crafts made from kitchen and toilet rolls.

In **Physical Development**, we will also have bins in class during snack time to put different items in. Fruit peels and bread can go into the compost bins to make compost for the plants.

In **Literacy**, we will learn the sounds 'u' and 'l'.

In **Mathematics**, we will introduce the topic of addition. We use different manipulatives to practice adding sums to 5, 10 and 20 depending on our different abilities.

In **Understanding the World**, we will learn about compost and how it is very to help our plants grow healthy. We will also start making our own compost from fruit peels left over in our lunchbox.

It looks like another fun week of adventure awaits!



We learnt how  
to recycle by  
segregating  
glass, plastic,  
paper, and  
metal items.



It was so much fun trying to pick up the bottle lids using two popsicles!

### 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.

### My values draw my identity:

- I am thinking about my environment.
- What are the components of my environment?
- I keep the neighbourhood where I live clean.
- I maintain the beauty of gardens.
- I observe public morals in the neighbourhood and with the neighbours.



Bowling was a challenging game, but we loved it so much!

### Upcoming Events:

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Upcycle a T-shirt

We ask all children to bring a plain white T-shirt to upcycle into a new one.

Furthermore, we will display the recycling project that we have been working hard on since last week.



We played an exciting game threading the toilet rolls from the one end to the other end.

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

### Final Note:

A gentle reminder that our kindergarten is a nut-free zone.  
No food with peanuts or traces of nuts must be sent to school.

