



# Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



I...I...I... for lollipop and ladybird. We had a great time doing Jolly Phonics last week!



We loved the recycling week. Look how busy we were at completing our Jurassic Park!

## Activities Covered:

Last week, we continued with the topic of **Growing a Healthy Environment** and explored how we could be good citizens in keeping our environment safe and healthy. We participated in different recycling activities using different recyclable materials. We also talked about compost and how it is made.

In **Communication and Language**, we continued to discuss the importance of recycling, reusing, and reducing to preserve the environment. We created different crafts made from kitchen and toilet rolls. We were very creative!

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we listened to the story *'The Whale's Tale'* which taught us about sea pollution. Then, we made a makeshift ocean and practiced cleaning the garbage in it.

In **Literacy**, we learnt the sounds 'u' and 'l'. We are getting much better at pencil control in forming our sounds. The High-Frequency words for last week were 'of' and 'off'. We continued to build oral sentences with these words.

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

In **Understanding the World**, learnt how compost is good for plants. We collected fruit peels and bread from our lunchboxes to make our own compost for the plants we will plant this week.

On Thursday, we had a fun time learning how to tie-dye a T-shirt. We were very excited to learn this new art form and to see the result of it.

That was not all, we put on display our recycling project that we have been working hard on during the past 2 weeks. We also brought a project we made at home to show and tell our friends all about it.

It was an amazing awareness week!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will be starting with an exciting new topic, **Growing plants**. We are going to learn about the wonderful world of plants and how they grow and what do seeds need to grow as well!

In **Communication and Language**, we will read different stories about plants such as *"Growing Vegetable Soup"*, *"Sam's Sunflower"* and *"Sam Plants a Sunflower"*. Furthermore, we will watch 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 will put our knowledge into practice and plant our own seeds!

In **Literacy**, we will introduce the next two phonetic sounds **f** and **b**. We will keep practicing the correct letter formation and blending. We will memorise the High-Frequency Words **can** and **on**.

In **Mathematics**, we will continue with addition to 5, 10, and 20. We will complete different hands-on activities to help us understand and practice the concept further.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we will observe how plants absorb water using food colouring and learn what will happen to plants that don't receive any water.

We have another exciting week to look forward to!



We also had a fantastic time reusing toilet rolls to create something we like out of it!



We had a great Thursday! We loved to show off our recycling projects!

### 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.



Look at our tie and dye activity! It was so much fun!

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Gardening and Seed Collage**

We are going to beautify our schoolyard further by planting beans in our class pot.

Besides this, we will make a seed collage using different types of seeds and beans.



We were very proud to show and tell about our amazing recycling projects that we did at home.

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.

