



Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



We reinforced our pattern skills. We created patterned spinner! It was lots of fun!



We loved learning about all the animals of Qatar! We created the camel craft in the desert!

Activities Covered:

We have reached the end of term 1 already! Where did time go? The children have made incredible progress in adapting to school life and we are very proud of their achievements.

What an exciting final week we've had learning about this beautiful country we live in, **Qatar**.

In **Communication and Language**, we focused on past & present day of Qatar. We discussed how Qatar has evolved and compared some pictures from the old days to how the country has changed now.

In **Physical Development**, we learnt about the animals of Qatar and completed a movement activity based on these animals. We also curated a handprint camel collage.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we learn about some unique traditions and food in Qatar. We then learnt to make the infamous cheese sandwich using Arabic bread and added some cucumbers to it.

In **Literacy**, we revised all the sounds learnt. We blended sounds together using our phonic knowledge to read simple 3 and 4 - letter words. We revised all the high-frequency words we have learnt this term and put them into sentences.

In **Mathematics**, we continued with revising 2D shapes and numbers 1 to 20. We continued to practice the concepts we have learnt throughout the term.

In **Understanding of the World**, we learnt where Qatar is on the world map. We also learnt about the Qatar flag and its meaning.

Today, we came to school dressed in the colours of the Qatar flag and celebrated Qatar National Day. It was a day filled with traditional games and fun. It was enjoyed by all!

Now we are ready for a well-deserved break!

Upcoming Activities:

When we resume school for the next term, we will begin a new topic series on **animals**. We will kick start week 1 with learning all about **Zoo and Jungle animals**.

In **Communication and Language**, we will play the animal mystery box. We will also act out the "**The Animal Boogie**" story. It sounds like fun!

For **Literacy**, we will be learning to write words with the **g, o, u, l, f, b** sounds. We will also learn two new High Frequency words **dad & for** and use it in silly sentences.

In **Mathematics**, we will build all the polygon 2D Shapes while listening to the '**Greedy Triangle**' story. This is going to be so exciting!

In **Physical Development**, we will learn some animal movements. These will strengthen our core muscles and gross motor skills.

In **Understanding the World**, we will learn about the zoo. We will read the "**Dear Zoo**" story, following up with a zoo mural and creating zoo animals.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will listen to the story '**How Andrew the Giraffe Got His Spots**'. This will be followed by a giraffe print experiment using kitchen towels and paint.

What an exciting theme to look forward to!



Kubos, cucumber and cream cheese was so delicious! We enjoyed learning about the traditional food of Qatar!



We love our country, Qatar! Look how we dressed in our national colours Maroon and white!

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 know my country.
- I am proud of my country's flag.
- I love the Emir and am proud of his achievements.
- I am proud of my ancestral heritage, and I preserve it.



We had a nice time enjoying our classdojo party with our friends!

Upcoming Events:

Winter break - 17th December until 7th January 2024

The kindergarten will be closed during the above-mentioned dates for the Winter Break. Term 2 will begin on Monday 8th January 2024.

Thursday 11th January: Dear Zoo Roleplay:

We will conclude our Jungle and Zoo animals' theme by performing the 'Dear Zoo' story. Then, we will match the animals from the story to the food that they eat.



We are very proud of our country and flag!

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

Final Note:

We wish you all a Happy National Day and a wonderful winter break!

