



# Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



It was so nice to travel to Sweden. We learnt the to greet in Swedish and even ate Swedish meatballs and bread with jam.



Did you know that Filipinos make kites with plastic bags? We had a great time making our kites!

## Activities Covered:

Last week, we packed our suitcases and had an adventurous week, full of fun! We learnt about different countries in our International Week topic. Our reception group travelled across the world. We visited 2 different countries Sweden and the Philippines.

In **Literacy**, we revised the phonics sounds learnt to date. We used them to spell simple CVC words and listened to the beginning and end sounds in different words.

In **Mathematics**, we revised shapes and numbers 1 to 20 using the hands-on approach.

On **Sunday**, we learnt about different languages, famous landmarks, food, and the currency of Sweden and the Philippines. We even tasted pancit from the Philippines.

On **Monday**, we listened to traditional stories and folk tales. Then we made a craft unique to these countries. We used a variety of materials to make the Swedish ornament and a Philippines kite craft.

On **Tuesday**, we came to school dressed in our class country's colours, same as the flag colours. We participated in a parade and then we traveled to Turkey, Austria, Philippines, and Sweden with our passports. We had them stamped. We all had a lovely day filled with joy and laughter. We also learnt the meaning behind the Swedish and Philippines flag as we decorated them.

On **Thursday**, we will come dressed in the colours of our own countries. We brought food to school to share for your international feast. It was very yummy to try different dishes. We also played different games from around the world. Some were familiar and some were new to learn.

It was an amazing week learning about different cultures and traditions around the world.

## Upcoming Activities:

This week is the last week of the term, and we will end it on a high note by learning all about this beautiful country we call our home, **Qatar**. It's only fitting as the Qatar National Day approaches. We will learn some famous traditions of Qatar as well as celebrate its culture.

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

In **Literacy**, we will revise all the sounds learnt. We will be blending them to read simple 3 and 4 -letter words. We will also revised all the high-frequency words we have learnt this term and put them into sentences.

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

In **Physical Development**, we will learn about the animals of Qatar and complete a movement activity based on these animals. We will also curate a handprint camel collage.

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



On **Tuesday** we travelled to **Austria, Sweden and Türkiye** with and got our passport stamped.



On Thursday, we wore our traditional clothes from our different countries.

### 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 also listened to music from all the countries in our school.

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> - Qatar National Day Activities.**

We will participate in some traditional Qatari games.

Children are asked to come to school dressed in the colours of the Qatari flag for the day.

### Last day of term 1

The school will end at **11:30 on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** and there will be no late pick-up service.



We had a great experience eating different dishes.

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.