



Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



We listened to the "Little Red Hen" story and learnt about wheat. We baked bread and had a lovely picnic eating the bread.



Look how we were busy milking the cow! We loved milking the cow!

Activities Covered:

Last week, we continued with our topic of **Farm Animals**, and we focused on the farm animals and their produce. We also explored other products that come from the farm.

For **Communication and Language**, we read the story "*The Little Red Hen*". We retold the story with actions we learnt the whole process from planting the grains to baking bread with flour. Then, we baked our own bread in school. It was a lovely success!

For **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we learnt where milk comes from and how it is good for our bone health. Then we put our knowledge to the test by re-enacting milking a cow.

For **Physical Development**, we discussed where eggs come from. Then we have a closer look inside a fresh chicken egg and learn its different parts.

In **Literacy**, we learnt the sounds **oa** & **ie**. We learnt their actions, songs, and formation before practicing them in our books. We also made crafts to help us remember these new sounds. The High-Frequency words for last week were **get** & **big** and we continued to use them to build sentences.

For **Mathematics**, we introduced the 3D shapes, sphere, cube, cone, and triangular prism. We used fun hands-on activities to learn these shapes and recognise them in everyday objects.

For **Expressive Arts and Design**, we discovered the fruits and vegetables that come from the farm and made a delicious fruit salad!

On **Thursday**, we were visited by a vet who came to teach us how to take good care of our pets. They also told us how some animals were rescued in Qatar.

We had an enjoyable week!

Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will travel away from the farm and dived into the deep blue the sea to learn all about **Sea Animals**. We will have lots of discoveries!

For **Communication and Language**, we will read the story '*A House for a Hermit Crab*' by Eric Carl. We will learn lots of interesting facts about hermit crabs and the new sea creature friends he will meet.

For **Physical Development**, we will be energised by doing under the sea Yoga. We will copy different movements for each sea creature.

For **Literacy**, our High-Frequency Words will be **his** & **him** and the new jolly phonics sounds for this week are **ee**, & **or**.

For **Mathematics**, we will learn the 3D shape of a sphere, cube, and rectangular prism (cuboid). We will recognise them in our classroom environment and build them with clay.

For **Understanding the World**, we will learn that some sea creatures live in aquariums around the world. Then we will make an aquarium using a small plastic bottle and other natural materials.

It's going to be another fun week to explore.



Last week we learnt about 3D shapes, so we learnt how to built a cube! This was so much fun!



We had a great time with the vet teaching us about our pets and how to take care of them.

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.
- Encourage your child to complete their **homework** as independently as possible.

My values draw my identity:

- I am learning, knowledge is light.
- I collaborate with my friends.
- I respect my teachers.
- I keep my class clean.
- I practice my hobbies.
- I eat healthy food.



This was so most exciting time we had on Thursday petting the little dog! His name is Diamond!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 1st February - School Trip

We are going to visit the Aquarium at Hamad Port and learn about the different sea animals and sea life in the aquarium.

Please return the signed permission slip along with payment as soon as possible if you haven't done so already.

Children need to arrive on time for the bus and should wear complete school uniform including the school jacket.



We learnt that the dog's heartbeat is the same as a human, so we had a lovely time listening to the dog's heart.

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 the school uniform always. This includes the school jacket.
Thank you!