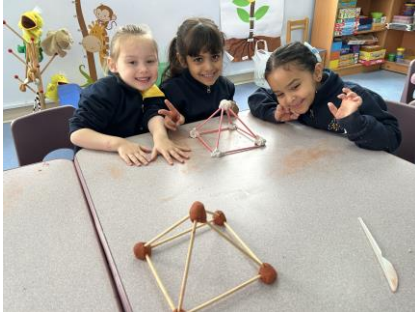




# Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



We had a great time learning about 3D shapes and building them ourselves!



It was so exciting to learn about sea animals and their habitat! We created our own version of a habitat for our sea animals.

## Activities Covered:

Last week, we went down into the deep blue the sea to learn all about **Sea Animals**. We made lots of discoveries!

For **Communication and Language**, we read the story '*A House for a Hermit Crab*' by Eric Carl to learn lots of interesting facts about hermit crabs and the new sea creature friends he met while looking for his new shell.

For **Physical Development**, we got energised by doing under the sea Yoga. We copied different movements for each sea creature. We walked side to side like crabs, rocked forward and backward over our arms like dolphins and even bent like a jellyfish.

For **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we reinforced the value of friendship and sharing through the story '*The Rainbow Fish*'.

For **Literacy**, we learnt the sounds **ee** and **or**. And practiced blending them with other sounds to read new words. The High-Frequency Words were **his** & **him**.

For **Mathematics**, we continued with learning 3D shapes and learnt the rectangular prism (cuboid), pyramid and cylinder. We recognised them in our classroom environment and built them with clay and straws.

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

On Thursday, we were very excited to go and visit a real Aquarium at Hamad Port. We joyed seeing the live animals we learnt about and strolled down the hall that gave us the illusion of walking under water.

It was a wonderful week of learning!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week we are back on land and will travel back in time reliving the Jurassic era. We cannot wait to learn and explore all the different types of **Dinosaurs**.

In **Communication and Language**, we will listen and discuss the stories '*Harry and the Dinosaurs Have a Busy Day*', '*Stomp, Chomp, Big Roars! Here Come the Dinosaurs!*' and '*Dinosaurs Galore*'. After our discussions and retelling the stories in our own words, we will choose our preferred dinosaur mask to make.

In **Literacy**, we will be introducing two new jolly phonic sounds **z** & **w**, and the High-Frequency Words for this week will be **not** & **got**.

In **Mathematics**, we will introduce the topic of measurement, where will measure and compare different lengths and sizes of objects.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we are going to have fun being palaeontologists for the week as we learn about fossils and bones.

For **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we will learn how dinosaurs were born years ago which will be followed by an exciting science fizzy dinosaur egg experiment!

We can't wait to go back in time and relive the Jurassic era.



We always love learning the new Jolly Phonics sounds. We learnt the **or**-sound and created corn and storm!



On Thursday, we learnt about cargo ships and the harbour. What a great school trip!

### 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.



We had a great time at the aquarium, seeing all the different kinds of sea animals!

### Upcoming Events:

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> activity - Fossils & Egg Hunt.

We are going to be real palaeontologists and go on adventures to hunt for dinosaur eggs around the schoolyard as well as dig up fossils in different mediums.

Please send an extra set of home clothes for this activity as we will be getting messy.



Look at the starfish! We are surprised to see a real one!

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!