



Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



We read the story 'Dinosaurs Galore' and learnt about all the different kinds of dinosaurs. Then we created dinosaur masks independently!



We did measurement activities in Math and had to sort objects from the shortest to the longest.

Activities Covered:

What a great week we had last week, learning all about **Dinosaurs!** We travelled back in time to the Jurassic Era to discover these wonderful creatures.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened and discussed the stories 'Harry and the Dinosaurs Have a Busy Day', 'Stomp, Chomp, Big Roars! Here Come the Dinosaurs!' and 'Dinosaurs Galore'. After the stories, we chose our preferred dinosaur mask to make.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we learnt how dinosaurs were born. This was followed by an exciting experiment where we hatched 'dinosaur eggs' using vinegar. You should have seen our facial expressions!

In **Physical Development**, we got to work out our gross motor skills by copying different dinosaur movements.

In **Literacy**, we introduced the jolly phonics sounds **w** and **z**. We continue to blend and write words with these sounds. The **High-Frequency Words** for last week were 'got' and 'not'. We used these words in new sentences.

In **Mathematics**, we explored the topic of measuring. We compared sizes and lengths of various items and used new vocabulary such as longest, smallest, tallest, shortest, big, thick, thin, etc.

In **Understanding the World**, we learnt about how dinosaurs became extinct and made a lava lamp in a bottle.

On **Thursday**, we had an exciting day being paleontologist hunting for fossils in different mediums. It felt cold, gooey, soft, and hard! That was not all, we also went hunting for dinosaur eggs around the school. It was a great week, travelling back in time.

Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will take a break from our animals' topic series and will learn all about different **sports**. This is only fitting to Qatar National Sports Day.

In **Communication and Language**, we will look at pictures of the sports that people play and the equipment they need to compete in these sports.

In **Personal, Emotional, and Social Development**, we will talk about the importance of teamwork. Then we will work together and play as a team.

In **Literacy**, we will learn the jolly phonics sounds **v** & **ng** alongside the High-Frequency Words **mum** and **up**.

In **Mathematics**, we will continue with our topic of measuring and will focus on measuring weight and capacity. We will be doing practical experiments to help us compare these 2 concepts and learn new vocabulary as well, such as heavy, light, full, empty, etc.

It's going to be another fun week!



We conducted a dinosaur egg experiment! It was so much fun! We dripped some vinegar on our egg until a dinosaur was hatched.

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We had the most amazing day on Thursday! We got messy!

Tips For Home:

- Please ensure your child gets to bed at a reasonable hour so he/she is ready to learn when they get to school.
- 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.

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 to find the dinosaur eggs hidden in the school yard and got a surprise in the eggs! Can you guess what we got? Of course, **DINOSAURS!**

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 13th February: National Sports Day

The school will be closed on this day as it will be a public holiday.

Thursday 15th February: Kid'n Around Kindergarten Sports Day

We will be having our Sports Day at the Durham School for Girls. All mummies are welcome to come and cheer on us. Please return the permission slip as soon as possible.



We loved to get messy to find the dinosaur fossils in the sensory bins!

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