



# Reception Oak Tree's Newsletter



Working together for a floating and sinking activity.

We are getting better at writing sentences and words using the new HFWs and sounds.



## Activities Covered:

Last week, we were learning about **Sports**. It was a fitting topic to coincide with Qatar's National Sports Day.

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

In **Personal, Emotional, and Social Development**, we talked about the importance of teamwork. Then we worked together and played as a team.

In **Physical Development**, we participated in various sporting events in preparation for our school's sports day. We displayed good sportsmanship by cheering on our friends.

In **Literacy**, we learned the jolly phonics sounds **v** & **ng** alongside the High-Frequency Words **mum** and **up**. We continued to blend new words and make sentences using these sounds and words.

In **Mathematics**, we continued with our topic of measuring and focused on measuring weight and capacity. We did practical experiments to help us compare these 2 concepts and learnt new vocabulary as well, such as heavy, light, full, empty, etc.

In **Understanding of the World**, we explored famous sports around the world such as football, basketball, and swimming. Then in **Expressive Arts and Design**, we created a collage of our favourite sport.

On Thursday, we had an amazing time travelling to Durham School for Girls and took part in various sporting activities. We had an opportunity to run different races, move through different obstacle courses, and even do a relay race. It was even better with our mums cheering on us.

## Upcoming ACTIVITIES:

This week, we are resuming our animal topic and will be exploring the world of creepy crawlers through the topic of **Minibeasts**. We will learn all the names of the different minibeasts and their different microhabitats.

In **Communication and Language**, we will read a story "**Mad About Minibeasts**". We will discuss different minibeasts, talk about their features, and how they are different from others.

In **Physical Development**, we will continue to combine different movements with ease and fluency through a minibeast-themed yoga session.

In **Literacy**, we will learn the jolly phonics sounds 'oo' and 'OO'. Alongside their actions, we will learn their jolly jingles, blend new words with these sounds, and practice writing them in our workbook. Furthermore, we will make crafts to help us remember them. Our new HFWs for this week will be 'but' and 'put'. We will also use those words in building new sentences.

In **Mathematics**, we will be assessed for our term 2 reports.

In **Understanding of the World**, we will learn about the life cycle of the caterpillar and conduct an experiment using a balloon, baking soda, and vinegar. Sounds exciting!

Sounds like a busy, buzzing week ahead!



Using our skills, we played swing ball as we get ready for sports day.

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On Thursday, we had a great time participating in various obstacles for our sports day.

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Mini Beast Hunt**

We will be participating in various fun activities as we hunt for minibeasts. Activities will include spider trap, stone painting, bug fossils, and bugs' race.



### 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.



Crawling through tunnels with a smile.



We raced through a 'rabbit hole'.

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!