



# Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



We had so much fun learning the sound 'th' for moth and earth! Look at our crafts it is so beautiful!



During springtime we can observe a lot of changes in nature, and one thing is for sure that it will rain! We conducted a fun rain experiment!

## Activities Covered:

Last week, we explored the **Spring** season. We read stories, made exciting crafts, and conducted experiments to help us remember all the wonderful things about spring.

In **Communication and Language**, we learnt how the weather and nature changes and how it impacts what type of clothes we should wear. Spring is also the time when animals have their babies. So, we learnt baby animal names and match them to their mothers.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional development** we read the story "*The Cautious Caterpillar*". We discussed the emotions of worry and bravery from the perspective of Cody the caterpillar and how we can manage these emotions in our daily lives.

In **Physical Development**, we focused on using our fine motor skills to paint, cut and decorate materials for the flower competition.

In **Literacy**, we learnt the jolly phonics sounds **th** and **th**. We learnt the difference between these sounds and made crafts to help us remember them. We also introduced two new HFWs 'go' and 'into' which we continued to build new sentences with.

In **Mathematics**, we discovered the topic greater than, less than and equal to. We used the hands-on approach to compare items in groups.

In **Understanding the World**, we listened to the story '*A Thing About Spring*' which was followed by a colourful rain experiment in a jar using shaving foam, water, and food colouring. It was interesting!

On Thursday, we participated in a flower competition between classes. We also made cards for **Mother's Day** and took them home as a gift to our mummies. We also made a fun rainbow experiment using dish washing soap.

What an exciting week it was, learning about seasons!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will complete the **seasons** topic by learning about **Summer**. We will read stories and perform different experiments that will teach us more about summer. We will also be learning the differences and similarities between all the seasons.

In **Communication and Language**, we will listen to and discuss the story "*Milo Goes to the Beach*". Then we will explore summer treats and make ice cream. There's an interesting science behind making it.

In **Literacy**, we will have assessments on the sounds and high-frequency words covered so far this term.

In **Mathematics**, we will be introducing the concept of **doubling** and **halving** numbers using various hands-on resources in class.

In **Understanding the World**, we will focus on how trees change during the season of summer. We will listen to the story "*The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree*". The activity will be followed by a tree craft to demonstrate our knowledge.

It is going to be another week of fun learning and exciting discoveries.



Last week we learnt the concept greater than, less than and equal to. We were excellent mathematicians.



We had a great time on Thursday, blowing colourful bubbles!

### 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.
- Display your child's work from school to help build a sense of pride in their accomplishments.
- 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.



Guess what? All our creativity paid off, we were the overall winners of the flower arrangement competition!

### Upcoming Events:

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Summer Games

We will be testing our abilities in various summer games such as limbo, hopscotch, water play, and many more.

Children are asked to bring along a small towel, a spare set of clothing, and slippers to change into as we will be getting wet.



We had to be very creative in our flower competition on Thursday. We painted and assembled our flower arrangement!

To see more photos of our adventures in learning be sure to visit our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

### Final Note:

A gentle reminder that Ramadan timings are from 8:30 until 12:30 p.m. Kindly ensure that children attend school on time.