



Reception Cocoa Tree Newsletter



We learnt and practiced the concept one more and one less! Are we intelligent, or what do you think?

Activities Covered:

Last week, we began a new topic series on **Seasons**. We explored **Autumn** and **Winter** through various interesting activities.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the stories 'Leaf Jumpers' & "The Snowy Day" and explored the differences between autumn and winter. We learnt new vocabulary for the seasons. Then we made an exciting leaf and a snowflake artwork using salt and paint.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional development** we discussed the importance of wearing warm clothes in cold weather and what winter clothes look like. We learnt that wearing appropriate clothes in these seasons can protect us from getting sick such as catching a cold.

In **Physical Development**, we played some fun games that kids would usually play during the autumn and winter seasons, but of course, we had to improvise. We played ice skating using paper plates and even went on a leaf hunt.

In **Literacy**, we learnt the jolly phonics sounds **ch** and **sh**. We also learnt two new HFWs 'I' and 'no' and continued to practice using these words in new sentences!

In **Mathematics**, we explored the topic 1 more and 1 less, using various hands-on resources in class. This concept combined both our addition and subtraction knowledge.

In **Understanding the World**, we listened to the story "Little Acorns and focused on how trees change during the seasons of autumn and winter. The activity was followed by a tree craft to demonstrate our knowledge.

On Thursday, we participated in more winter games. We built a snowman and raced to collect 'snowballs'. That was not all! We even went ice bowling and ice fishing. It was a chilly day!



We loved to learn the new jolly phonics sound "sh"! We created sh for ship and shark!

Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will explore the **Spring** season. We will read stories, make exciting crafts, and conduct experiments to help us remember all the wonderful things about spring.

In **Communication and Language**, we will learn 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 will learn baby animal names and match them to their mothers.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional development** we will read the story "The Cautious Caterpillar". We will discuss 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 **Literacy**, we will introduce the jolly phonics sounds **th** and **th**. We will also introduce two new HFWs 'go' and 'into'.

In **Mathematics**, we will discover the topic greater than, less than and equal to. We will use the hands-on approach to learn this new topic.

In **Understanding the World**, we will listen to a story 'A Thing About Spring' which will be followed by a colourful rain experiment. This sounds interesting!

We look forward to an amazing week!



We compared a winter tree with an autumn tree. This was so much fun!

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We had a great time on Thursday celebrating Winter and Autumn! We tried to collect as many snowballs as we could!

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.
- Encourage your child to complete his/her homework independently.

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.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 21st March - Spring Flower Competition

We are going to put our creativity to the test by making colourful spring flowers for our competition.



We did ice fishing with a friend! We had such a good time, but it was freezing cold!

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!



We loved the ice bowling! Aiming for the pins was the best, but throwing the ice ball was even more fun! What a brrrrrr... day we had!