



Reception Oak Tree's Weekly  
Newsletter

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Working on subtraction using counters and number lines to help us.



We made a fox for the 'x' sound in phonics.

## Activities Covered:

Last week, our topic focused on 'Day and Night'. We learnt the difference between those two times of the day. We also discovered which creatures come out at night compared to daytime animals.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story "Day Monkey & Night Monkey" and discussed the activities the two monkeys did differently during daytime and nighttime.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we explored our day and night routines and reinforced how important it is to have routines. We also played a sorting game to demonstrate our knowledge.

In **Literacy**, our new sounds were **x** and **y**. We also learnt the high-frequency words **and** **to**. We continued with developing our pre-reading and writing skills using words and building sentences having these new sounds and words.

In **Mathematics**, we started learning about subtraction through different hands-on approaches. We learnt that there a different vocabulary when subtracting such as 'take away' and 'minus'.

In **Understanding the World**, we learnt about nocturnal and diurnal animals. We sorted these animals into 'their correct category. We then build a 3D day and night scene to demonstrate our knowledge.

On **Thursday**, we participated in various day and night activities such as shadows, building a fort, a camping experience, and making smores. We even brought some torches to enhance our night scene.

It was another busy week full of learning!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will be having fun at the **Circus**. We will also be talking about the meaning of **Red Nose Day**, a charity and awareness campaign for others who do not have the basic needs in life, like clean water, homes, food, and clothes.

In **Communication and Language**, we will listen to and discuss the story "**Clifford at the Circus**". we will learn about circus performers and how they entertain audiences. Then we will make a clown with a paper plate and use folded paper to curate a juggler.

In **Literacy**, we will be revising all the sounds covered this term. We will be blending them to sound out CVC words. We will also be identifying the beginning, middle, and end sounds in words.

In **Mathematics**, we will continue with the topic of subtraction using hands-on activities.

In **Understanding the World**, we learn what charity is. We will also learn how the children of Gaza need our help. So, we will bake cookies for our Red Nose Day, which will go to charity.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we explored the difference between needs and wants. We will also learn to be grateful for what we have.



We made a day box for the all the Diurnal animals.



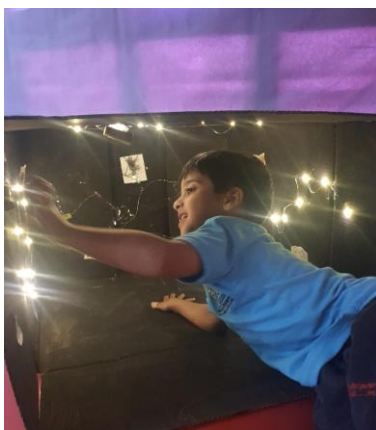
We had fun in our forts with glow sticks and torches.

### 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 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.



Experiencing the night box with lights and nocturnal animals.

### Upcoming Events:

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day

Join us in celebrating Red Nose Day at the Kindergarten from 9 am. Our focus for this year's event is "The Children of Gaza".

Children are asked to come dressed in their carnival attire for a day of fun activities.

Don't forget to purchase a ticket for your child, their siblings, and other family members.



Eating smores round the campfire.

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

### Final Note:

Kindly ensure that your child goes to bed early so they can wake up early and ready for school.  
Thank you!