



Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



Did you know that a kitchen towel caterpillar can puffed itself up in water?



Can you believe that you can make invisible pictures with baking soda and let it appear with a mixture of turmeric and sanitizer! Amazing!

Activities Covered:

This week it was exciting to explore different **STEAM** activities. We pretended to be scientists and explored the different ingredients and materials. We displayed our knowledge of science, technology, engineering, arts, and maths through various exciting challenges. The best part was using everyday resources in these activities.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story '*Pete the Cat and the Supercool Science Fair*'. The story was followed with 'wiggly worms' experiment. We used a combination of kitchen roll, a pencil, markers, and water for this challenge. It was amazingly interesting!

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we made invisible ink and used that to draw a picture. Then we relieved our picture using a turmeric solution that we also made. That was mind-boggling!

In **Literacy**, we revised all the sounds that we have learnt and specifically focus on the *ai, j, oa, ie, ee, or* sounds. We used the sounds that we have learnt to write our own words. We also revised all High-Frequency words learnt so far and continue to build sentences with them.

In **Mathematics**, we revised the concepts of **addition** and **subtraction**. We participated in different hands-on activities to practice the concepts.

In **Understanding the World**, we used primary colours to conduct a walking rainbow experiment we watched as the primary colours combined to make secondary colours like orange, green, and purple.

Today, we came to school dressed as cool scientists to perform more exciting experiments. We rotated all the classes during the day to participate in some fun challenges such as making cloudy dough, magic rain, lemon volcanoes, and hot ice.

We had a great week and now, we are ready for the Spring break!

Upcoming Activities:

When we resume school after the break, we will begin term 3 with **Book Week**. Our chosen author for this year is Eric Carle who is famous for his books like *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *The Mixed-up Chameleon*, etc.

Our class-chosen book is '*The Lonely Firefly*'?

In **Communication and Language**, we will read and discuss the story. Then, we will re-tell the story in sequence.

In **Literacy**, *qu* & *ou* will be our sounds of the week. We will continue to work on writing words, and sentences and controlling letter size. The HFWs for the week will be **he** and **she**.

In **Mathematics**, we will start learning the subitising concept, where we recognise the number patterns visually without counting each item.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will focus on practicing for the school concert and graduation ceremony that is fast approaching.

A great first week back ahead!



We had a fun time making elephant toothpaste! The mixer just kept on bubbling and pouring out of the bottle!



We had to most exciting time on Thursday as scientists doing incredible lemon volcanoes!

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.



What a great time we had making and watching magic rain!

Upcoming Events:

Spring & Eid Break: 7th - 20th April

School will be closed during the above dates. Term 3 will begin on Sunday 21st April at 7:30 am. The gate will open at 7:00 am.

Tuesday 23rd April: Book Character Dress-up Day

In celebration of World Book Day, children are requested to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. They should also bring along their favourite book.



Making cloud dough was just wonderful!
Squeezing it was just the best!

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

Final Note:

