



# Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



We loved reading the story "The very lonely firefly", following with a refraction light in a box experiment!



Did you know that you can make a light shine with using lemons, copper wires and zinc nails? Well, we succeeded in this experiment!

## Activities Covered:

Welcome back to term 3! We've had a great start with **Book Week**. Our focused author for this term was Eric who is very famous for his children's books like 'Brown Bear Brown Bear', 'what do You See?', 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'The Tiny seed', and 'The Very Busy Spider'.

Our class chose to explore the book '*The Very Lonely Firefly*'.

In **Communication and Language**, we read and discussed. We then recalled and told the story in sequence. After that, we made our own book so we could retell the story using the pictures.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we learnt how and why it is important to take care of books. We practice handling books carefully throughout the week.

In **Literacy**, **qu**, **ou** were our sounds of the week. We worked in our phonics book as well as craft activities to help us remember each sound. The High-Frequency Words for last week were **he** & **she**. We built new oral sentences using these words.

In **Mathematics**, we started the subitising concept, where we recognise quantities visually without counting, like the numbers on dice.

In **Understanding the World**, we roleplayed the Brown Bear story using the different animal masks. We displayed amazing teamwork to re-tell the story in the correct order.

On **Tuesday** we celebrated World Book Day by coming to school dressed as our favourite book character. We also brought along our favourite books for the teacher to read to us. We also paraded our costumes for all to see.

On **Thursday** we rotated all the classes to learn about the books they had been exploring last week and complete various activities based on these books.

## Upcoming Activities:

This week we will be starting a two-week series topic on **Community Helpers** and will focus on emergency field helpers such as the police, doctors, dentists, firemen, and paramedics. We will also learn the emergency number of Qatar, which is 999.

In **Communication and Language**, we will discuss a doctor's job and share our experience of visiting the doctor. We will also make a doctor's bag with essential items that they would have to make us better.

In **Literacy**, **oi**, **ue** will be our sounds of the week. We will learn their special actions and songs. We will also be working in our phonics book to write them in words as well as complete craft activities for each sound. The HFWs for this week will be **we** & **me**.

In **Mathematics** we will continue to explore the subitising concept through various hands-on practices.

In **Physical Development**, we will talk about the police force. We will also be keeping fit with an obstacle course set up in the gym.

Production practice will be continuing every day now as it gets closer.

We look forward to exploring this new topic!



We had a great time listening to a story one of the student's was reading! We loved it!



On Thursday, we rotated classes to learn about their book of the week. In the Gum Tree class we did the story of the 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Career Day**

Children are asked to come to school dressed up as someone they would like to be when they grow up.

Parents are also invited to come and speak about their profession.

### 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.
- 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.

### My values draw my identity:

- I help others.
- I'm thinking of my future.
- I'm thinking of my country.
- I'm thinking of my health.
- I'm thinking of my role models.



In the Oak tree class, we listened very attentively to the 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you see?' story. Then we created a cute bear puppet!



In the Palm tree class we learnt that the Bad-Tempered ladybird has shown very bad behaviour and doesn't like to share. Eventually the ladybird realises the importance of friends and sharing.

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

### Final Note:

As the weather is getting warmer, ensure that your child brings along a water bottle and a cap for outdoor playtime.