



Reception Cocoa Tree Newsletter



We created a fun craft for the oi-sound. Look at our golden coins!



We listened to the story surprise visitors and created hot air balloons!

Activities Covered:

Last week we leaped into Book Week! We journeyed through enchanting tales and magical adventures. Our chosen author for this year is Heather Amery, who is famous for writing the Usborne book series. Our class-chosen book was 'Tractor in Trouble'.

In **Communication and Language**, we read and discussed the story 'Surprised Visitors'. Then, we retold the story in sequence using our own words. We loved this story. We even made a craft exactly like the cover of the story book.

In **Literacy**, we learnt the Jolly Phonics sounds **oi**, and **ue** through the different sounds they make. We also learnt to blend new words and write words with them. The crafts were super fun we totally enjoyed making them. The High-frequency words for last week were **three** and **big**.

In **Mathematics**, we were introduced to the topic of subitising and used hands-on activities to practice this concept. It was quite easy to master; look and think of the number in your hand.

In **Understanding of the World**, we learnt how hot air balloons are working and did a hot and cold balloon science experiment.

In **Physical Development and Expressive Arts and Design**, we created hot air balloon with the paper mâché method.

On Wednesday, we came to school dressed as our favourite book character and brought our favourite story book to share.

On Thursday, we rotated classes to learn about their chosen book of the week, by the same author. We also participated in various activities based on these books. It was a very engaging week in the world of literacy.

Upcoming Activities:

This week, we're celebrating the rhythm of comings and goings—of new faces arriving, familiar ones setting off on new adventures, and the many ways we all get from here to there.

Whether it's by train, plane, bicycle, or bus, there's something beautiful about movement—about how people bring stories with them when they arrive and leave traces behind when they go.

From the daily commute to long-distance journeys, we're shining a spotlight on how **transportation** connects us, shapes our communities, and keeps the world turning. Hop in—there's lots to explore this week!

In **Understanding of the World**, we will learn all about different means of transport, and we will also look at Qatar then vs Qatar now.

In **Literacy**, we will learn the Jolly Phonics sounds **er** and **ar**. We will also learn the High-frequency words **little** and **yes**.

In **Mathematics**, we will continue the topic of subitising. We will use hands-on activities to continue practicing and supporting this concept.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will be focusing on the concert production. We hope that the children are also practicing at home.

We look forward to an exciting week of discovering and learning!



What a great day we had on Wednesday, dressing up as our favourite book! We loved the day so much; we didn't want it to end!



On Thursday, we listened to the story 'The Naughty Sheep', in the Palm Tree class and we loved it so much!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 1st May – Road Safety Rules Roleplay

We will learn all about road safety throughout the week and practice it on a pretend road in the gym. Safety first when on the roads, whether walking with mom and dad or driving with them in the car!



Tips for home:

- Encourage your child to complete their **homework** independently.
- Limit **screen time** to 1 hour per day.
- **Please ensure** your child gets to bed at a reasonable hour so he/she is ready to learn when they get to school.

My values Draw My Identity

Our Partners in Responsibility

Let us monitor our children's behaviour at school and in the social environment and ensure that they are not engaging in bullying or any harmful behaviour. Let us encourage them to adopt positive and respectful behaviours towards others.



In Maple Tree class, we listened to the story 'There's a Dragon in My school'. We then coloured a dragon by number. A great way to practice our math skills.

Brotherhood Initiative

"Bullying is weakness, kindness is strength."

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

Final Note:

A gentle reminder that children should arrive and be collected on time. to avoid missing out on lessons or causing class disruptions.



We listened to the story 'Tractor in Trouble' and created a farm craft in the Oak Tree class.