



Reception Cocoa Tree Newsletter



The young mathematicians were enjoying their time counting in tens using objects.



We were working very hard in our literacy books, helping us to become better in English and getting ready for year 1.

Activities Covered:

Last week, we had an amazing adventure discovering the wonderful world of **camping**. We found lots of fun ways to enjoy being in the gym, like setting up tents and having cosy activities by the campfire. We had a brilliant time!

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story '**Pete the Cat Goes Camping**' and through the story, we learnt what camping is all about. We discussed the events that happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story. We also had the opportunity to retell the story in our own words.

In **Physical Development**, we had loads of fun playing a camping bingo game.

In **Literacy**, we revised the letter sounds **g o u l f b a i j o a i e e e or**. We used different learning methods to reinforce those letter sounds. We also continued to learn the capital letters of the single sounds, wrote words, and sentences. The High frequency words were **look & make**.

In **Mathematics**, we revised counting in 2s and 5s, then introduced counting in 10s. In that lesson, we used manipulatives and songs to enrich the learning.

In **Understanding of the World**, we had a fun camping day at school, where we built our own tents using items brought from home. Then we read stories and enjoyed s'mores for the complete camping experience.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development and Expressive Arts and Design**, we continued rehearsing for our upcoming school concert and graduation ceremony.

On Thursday, we gathered to rehearse all our performances for the big day, which is fast approaching. We are building our confidence in performing in front of our friends. From now until the big day, we will be fine-tuning our lines and acts to put on a great show on the 29th of May.

Upcoming Activities:

This week, we'll be diving into the magical world of nursery rhymes! These timeless tunes will help us continue to develop our listening skills, rhythm, and language development.

In **Communication and Language**, we will learn what rhyming words are and make up rhymes with familiar words. Then we will listen and learn the rhyme, **Hickory Dickory Dock**. This will be followed by a clock and mouse craft! We cannot wait for the fun to begin!

In **Physical Development**, we will be having fun learning the '**Incy Wincy Spider**' action song and identifying rhyming words.

In **Literacy**, we will revise the letter sounds **ai oa ie ee or ng**. We will continue using different learning methods to reinforce these letter sounds. We will also continue to learn the capital letters of the single sounds, write words, and sentences. High frequency words will be **where & when**.

In **Mathematics**, we will be assessed for our term 3 report.

In **Understanding of the World**, we will continue with the '**Incy Wincy Spider**' rhyme and create a fun spider craft to use when we reenact the rhyme.

We look forward to some fun activities and getting ready to sing along!



Our camping experience was so amazing. We had a fun time playing in the tent and eating s'mores.



We explored some camping activities. So, we played the camping bingo game as a class. Did we love that game?

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 22nd May - Whole School Rehearsals

We will have a pre-concert and graduation ceremony rehearsal to finalise and adjust our performances as needed.

Kindly ensure that all children arrive at school on time to join in the rehearsal.

Mark your calendars:

The big day will be on Thursday, 29th May 2025.

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

Brotherhood Initiative:

Let us teach our children how to deal wisely with bullying situations by boosting their self-confidence, managing their emotions, and reporting bullying incidents. In doing so, we help strengthen their resilience and increase their sense of safety and confidence.



We are busy learning how to write sentences.
We are so smart!



We continued with counting in tens, but this time we had to paste the numbers in order.

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:

Gentle reminder: School concert clothes request

Girls: 1 plain white T-shirt (no logos) and 1 long black trousers.

Boys: 1 plain white T-shirt (no logos) and long black trousers.