



Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



Exploring numbers four and five in mathematics by recognition, matching and subitising.



Learning how to build and construct different rooms we find inside our homes for Physical development!

Activities Covered:

Last week, we explored the topic 'My Home.' We talked about the special people who live with us, how families care for one another, and why it's important to show love and respect at home.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story 'Welcome to my home.' It was a simple and heart-warming story that taught us about family members, the roles they play, and the love and care that families share.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we talked about helping each other at home and the chores we have.

In **Mathematics**, we explored the numbers 4 and 5, focusing on the concepts of adding 1 more and subtracting 1 less. We examined various ways to represent the numbers 4 and 5.

Last week in **Literacy**, the children participated in a Literacy Assessment. They were evaluated on their ability to recognize letter sounds, blend simple words, and understand basic high-frequency words.

In **Physical Development**, we built our own home, divided it into 4 sections of a house >)

In our **Understanding the World** lesson, we explored and discussed different types of homes and how they vary from one another.

In **Expressive Arts**, we made a mini craft depicting home.

On Thursday, we invited the children to explore and arrange furniture within a house floor plan to build their "home". They chose which items belong in each room and decided on the layout together with their friends. Then they played together in the different rooms practicing some of the activities we learnt about together in the week. They did very well to describe the activities they can practice using the correct furniture and appliances.

Upcoming Activities:

This week, we are exploring the topic 'My Emotions.' We will learn to identify different feelings such as happiness, sadness, anger, and surprise, and discuss what causes these emotions. Through stories and games, they will also discover healthy ways to express and manage their feelings while learning to understand how others feel, too.

In **Literacy**, we will learn the sounds "m" and "d"! To make it even more fun, we created wonderful crafts linked to words that start with this sound. We will learn the high-frequency words *it*, *in* blending sounds letter groups 1,2.

In **Communication and Language**, we will listen to the story 'Sad, Glad Monster.' It is a fun and meaningful story that helps children recognize and name different feelings, such as happiness, sadness, fear, and anger. The story encourages children to understand that all emotions are normal and teaches them healthy ways to express how they feel

In **Mathematics**, this week, the children had their **Mathematics Assessment**. We will be assessed on key concepts such as understanding one more and one less, verbal counting, number recognition up to 10 (and beyond), and identifying basic shapes. These assessments help us understand each child's progress and support their continued learning

We're getting ready for another week filled with adventures, learning, and lots of exciting activities!!



Learning all about our homes and how to work together in a household.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, 6th November - Exploring Emotions

We will embark on a delightful day dedicated to understanding our emotions through play and sensory experiences. Messy play is an essential aspect of learning about the world, and we are committed to preparing our children for their life journey by helping them understand their emotions and how various experiences affect their feelings.



Building homes made of rooms with lots of hopes and dreams. Look mum! We built a playroom, living room and dining room 😊

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.
- Read the **weekly newsletter**, so that you keep up to date on what is happening.
- Encourage your child to complete their homework independently.

Please note: Mid-Term Break

From the 23rd October to the 1st November. First day back to school the 2nd November.

Enjoy the Mid-Term Break



Look at the bedroom we built! And now it's time for a slumber party! 😊



Having fun playing in our imaginary homes and building fun crafts! Best Thursday ever!

To see more photos of our adventures in learning be sure to visit our website:

<http://www.kidnaroundkg.com> or [Kid'n Around Facebook](#) and [Instagram - kidnaroundkg](#)

Final Note:

Routine is an important part of building your child's comfort level at school. Please make sure you drop your child off at school no later than 7:30 a.m. and pick them up at the end of the day at 12:30 p.m.