



Reception Cocoa Tree's Weekly
Newsletter

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Having fun
parading
and
representing
Portugal!
Viva
Portugal!



Decorating the
Portuguese flag
and crafting our
'Rooster of
Barcelos' and
learning all
about
Portuguese folk
tales.

Activities Covered:

Last week, we packed our suitcases and had an adventurous week, full of fun! We learnt about different countries in our International Week topic. Our reception group travelled across the world. We visited 2 different countries France and India.

In **Literacy**, we revised the phonics sounds *c, k, e, h, r, m, d*. We used them to spell simple CVC words and listened to the beginning, middle, and end sounds in different words as we completed dictation activities. We also revised the High-Frequency Words *to, and, the, of, he, she*.

In **Mathematics**, we continued exploring our numbers 0-5 and covered introducing zero and its properties. We also explored finding five and the representation of five and how these two numbers work together numerically.

On **Sunday**, we learnt about different languages, famous landmarks, and the currency of Jordan and Portugal. We even had a blast decorating the flags of these countries.

On **Monday**, we listened to traditional stories and folk tales. Then we made a craft unique to these countries. We used a variety of materials to make the Royal Crown and Rooster of Barcelos.

On **Tuesday**, we came to school dressed in our class country's colours, the same as the flag colours. We participated in a parade and then we traveled to Spain, Italy, Portugal and Jordan with our passports. We had them stamped and had a lovely day filled with joy and laughter. We also learnt the meaning behind the Portuguese and Jordan flags as we decorated them.

On **Thursday**, we came dressed in our own countries attire or the colours of the flag. We brought food to school to share for your international feast. It was very yummy to try different dishes. We also played different games from around the world. Some were familiar and some were new to learn.

Upcoming Activities:

This week is the last week of the term, and where did time go? We will end it on a high note by learning all about this beautiful country we call our home, **Qatar**. It's only fitting as the Qatar National Day approaches. We will learn some famous traditions of Qatar as well as celebrate its culture.

On **Sunday**, we will learn about Qatar's historic landmarks and places to visit. We will also learn about the traditional food, clothes, and customs.

On **Monday**, we will celebrate Qatar National Day, and all parents are invited to come and watch us perform various aspects of the Qatari culture.

On **Tuesday**, we will learn the meaning behind the Qatari flag. Then we will be colouring the national flag and completing a flag puzzle.

Tuesday will also be the last day of term 1 and we would like to seize this opportunity to thank all our parents for their continuous support this term. We look forward to more collaboration in Term 2.



Traveling around the world to Mexico, Italy,
Jordan and Portugal with our passports!



Uniting in celebration of cultural exploration!
Learning about the world!

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.
- Encourage your child to complete their **homework** independently.



Friends who eat together, Stay together 😊
Happy sharing cultural experiences with our friends!

Upcoming Events:

Monday 15th - Qatar National Day Celebrations.

We will participate in cultural activities.

Children are asked to come to school dressed in the colours of the Qatari flag, maroon and white.

Last day of term 1

The school will end at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday 17th December and there will be no late pick-up service.

First day of Term 2

The school will resume on Monday, 5th of January 2026.



Enjoying a variety of different cultural foods.

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

Final Note:

We wish you all a Happy National Day and a wonderful winter break!

