



# Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



During this exciting sensory "Sea Animals" activity, children got to experience how do real fish and shells feel.

## Activities Covered:

Last week, we explored the topic 'Sea Animals.' The children enjoyed learning about different sea creatures such as fish, sharks, octopus, and dolphins through stories, songs, and hands-on activities.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story 'Rainbow fish.' It was an instructive, yet heart-warming story that taught us about the importance of sharing with others and how lonely the life is without friends.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we talked about the importance of preserving and protecting the sea animals that are at a constant threat of being extinguished because of poor human actions, and what we all should do to improve the sea environment.

In **Mathematics**, we explored early mathematical skills by counting sea animals, comparing more, finding 1 less from 5, and subitising up to 5 to see which number we get, while revising previously learned lessons.

In **Literacy**, last week we learned two new sounds, "ai" and "j", practiced the new vocabulary, and spoke about the new high-frequency words "we" and "me". The children engaged in crafts linked to the phonics sounds learned.

In **Physical Development**, we practiced Sea Animals yoga, taking different sea animals' positions.

In **Understanding the World**, we helped the children understand where sea animals live and how to care for the oceans and protect the sea animals from pollution.

Our **Expressive Arts class** included painting and crafting of sea creatures.

Last Thursday, we visited the Hamad Port Aquarium, which was an amazing and memorable day full of fun and new experiences!



## Upcoming Activities:

This week, we are exploring the topic 'Jungle and Zoo animals.' We will explore a variety of wild animals such as lion, monkey, giraffe, elephant, tiger, and zebra through engaging stories, play-based activities, songs, and games.

In **Literacy**, we will learn the sounds "oa" and "ie", as well as new high-frequency words "you" and "see". To make it even more fun, we will make wonderful crafts linked to words that have these sounds.

In **Communication and Language**: as this will be assessment week for Communication and Language, we will dedicate our classes at the start of the week to reading the "Rainbow Fish" story, practicing the important vocabulary traits, and story retelling and understanding.

In **Mathematics**, this week, the children will explore the concepts of mass (heavy/light) and capacity (full/empty, half full) through fun and educational activities. The children will engage in practical activities using everyday objects for comparison and understanding of the concepts. This will help the children develop early measurement skills, problem-solving and confidence while learning through exploration and play.

We are set on having another week of exploring, learning, and loads of fun activities!

Children created their own jellyfish and gave it some very special decorations.



After a lovely story about the Rainbow fish, children made their own beautiful Rainbow fish friends.



We got to explore some unique kinds of fish today, and even to hold the star fish in our hands.

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Wild animals Dress Up.**

We are going to have a fun wild animals dress up day parade at school. All children are going to make a wild animal costume at home with their parents and wear it for the parade! Don't be afraid to let your imaginations run wild! We will also engage in enjoyable craft activities focused on creating representations of wild animals.

### 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.



The fish got some new faces to it 😊



There is no better way to end a great day than to share a laugh with you friends!

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### 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.