



Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



From a barn to a star, we're mastering the 'ar' sound together!



Our classroom was full of fluffy fun with these adorable sheep crafts!

Activities Covered:

Last week, we joyfully celebrated Nursery Rhymes Week, where children explored the wonderful world of classic rhymes through music, storytelling, and creative play.

In **Communication and Language**, we learned new vocabulary and read the very lovely story called "Five little ducks".

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we threaded our own spider webs, and each student chose how they would colour and decorate their spiders while we sang along to the very famous "Itsy-Bitsy Spider" rhyme.

In **Mathematics**, we started a very exciting and important topic, the 3D shapes, we have learned about the characteristic of cubes, spheres, cylinders, and cones through hands-on activities and real-life examples. Making sure we know how to recognize them in our surroundings and find great examples of their use.

In **Literacy**, we had our very last phonic sounds lessons for this year, we have learned the sounds "er" and "ar", Did some amazing crafts and learned our sound songs and practiced our writing and reading skills. We will learn the two new high frequency words: **like** and **yes**.

In **Physical Development**, we continued with our weekly rehearsals of our End of year concert "The little stars that learned to shine".

In **Understanding the World**, students enjoyed a fun and creative "Baa Baa Black Sheep" craft activity. They designed and assembled their own sheep using a variety of materials such as cotton, paper, and glue, bringing the nursery rhyme to life through art.

In **Expressive Arts and design**, we did our very best in practicing our song, "Look how far we've come" that we will be performing at the end of the year concert.

On Thursday we moved from classroom to classroom to play nursery rhyme games and act out different parts from the rhymes. We learnt how to make Patta cakes and play Humpty Dumpty splat to name a few!

Upcoming Activities:

This week we celebrate an exciting and inspiring Book Week filled with imagination, storytelling, and a love for reading. Throughout the week, students will have a chance to explore a variety of stories, participate in read-aloud sessions, and engage in fun activities such as character dress-up, storytelling circles, and creative art inspired by their favourite books. These experiences are here to help our children build early literacy skills, creativity, and confidence in expressing ideas.

In **Literacy**, the children will focus all the attention and knowledge on the assessments that will be conducted. We look forward to practicing and showing our great knowledge acquired throughout the year.

In **Communication and Language**, we will engage in wonderful story time with a lovely book "The Ugly Five".

In **Mathematics**, we have another important week as our previously acquired knowledge in the important areas of doubling, provision, 3D shapes will be assessed.

We are very excited about this wonderful week that will be filled with imagination and will allow us to transform to different parts of the world, even into the past as we dive into our reading experiences and let our minds wonder. We look forward to seeing our young readers bring their favourite characters to life and celebrate the joy of books together!



The Itsy Bitsy spider climbed up our craft!



Upcoming Events:

Book Week Rotation

Thursday 30th April

We will venture to our neighbouring classes and read different books play games with all the teachers.

We will come to school dressed up in our favourite book characters for the day too.



Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake—learning shapes along the way!

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 12:30p.m.



All the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't fix our messy fun! 😊

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 "Fitra" initiative, launches under the slogan "I honour how Allah created me" to strengthen awareness of the identity with which Allah created humans and to promote ways of achieving this innate identity by understanding the natural traits of each gender and recognizing their roles and responsibilities.



It's time to learn—look at our amazing clock crafts!