



Reception Cocoa Tree Newsletter



Fun with the "ou" sound—house and ouch come to life through creative crafts!



Creative "qu" fun! Our kids craft a quail and quilt while learning the "qu" sound! ✨

Activities Covered:

Last week, we had a wonderful time exploring our exciting Summer Theme! The children were full of enthusiasm as they engaged in a variety of fun, hands-on activities that celebrated the sunny season. It has been a joyful and engaging week filled with laughter, creativity, and learning. We are so proud of the children's participation and enthusiasm!

In **Communication and Language**, we read summer-themed story called "It's a seashell day" and put our understanding of the story and new vocabulary related to the season to the test.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we spoke about friendship and made bracelets for our best friends in class, as we prepare to say "Goodbye" to our friends from the class since they won't be going to the same school in the fall.

In **Mathematics** we incorporated summer elements into counting, sorting, and number recognition activities, helping children develop greater understanding of building 9 and 10.

In **Literacy**, we had another important task, we learned two new letter sounds "qu and "ou", made some fun crafts and practiced our phonic writing and reading skills. We also learnt two new high frequency words, 'one' and 'two'.

In **Physical Development**, we worked very hard while having lots of fun as we practiced for our End of year play "The little start that learned to shine".

In **Understanding the World**, we explored seasonal changes and discussed how summer weather affects what we wear and do. The children enjoyed learning about sun safety and the importance of staying hydrated, after which they created their own "Summer" crafts.

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.

Upcoming Activities:

This week, we have a very exciting theme, full of adventure, creativity, and teamwork, the Camping theme. During the week, children will explore the wonders of the outdoors through imaginative play, storytelling, and hands-on activities. We will create a cozy "camping" atmosphere in the classroom with a pretend campfire where children can sit around a campfire and share stories with friends.

In **Literacy** children will learn two new sound "oi" and "ue" and make creative crafts related to these sounds. We will also learn two new high frequency words 'big' and 'three'.

In **Communication and Language**, we will we read a camping-themed story "Pete the cat goes camping ", and introduce new vocabulary related to the outdoors.

In **Mathematics**, through hands-on activities, children will continue to learn about doubling to 10, exploring odd and even numbers to 10.

We enter this week full of excitement and with high expectations for a great and adventurous time. We look forward to a fantastic week filled with exploration, curiosity, creativity, collaboration and lots of fun.



Summer is all around as we craft, colour and draw 😊



Making some permanent memories to share with our friends and remember them by, friendship bracelets were so much 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.
- 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.

Actions are just as important as the words, as they help us emphasize our point! 😊



Upcoming Events:

Reminder- Thursday 16th of April - Camping Day!

This week, our gym will turn into a campsite wonderland for our little campers! Remember to bring a large blanket or bed sheet, a torch, your treasured storybook, and your favourite soft toy. We'll build our cozy tents, sit beside a pretend fire, listen to the magical night sounds, and treat ourselves to yummy marshmallow s'mores. It's going to be a day full of smiles and laughter!



We are working very hard and rehearsing daily to make sure we shine like the brightest stars on our concert!

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

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.