



Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



Measuring Fun!
Our children practised measuring, comparing, and discovering the world of maths through play!



My puppet friend: we got creative as we made our best friends and shared lots of laughs and stories 😊

Activities Covered:

Last week, our little learners explored the topic of building friendships within our kindergarten and our classroom. 😊

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story "Starting school," which helped us understand our feeling about the start of school and how making friends help make every beginning better.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we spoke about the qualities of a good friend and made a class friendship promise poster.

In **Physical Development**, children worked in pairs to follow and mirror their friends' movements, followed by a fun fine-motor friendship station that encouraged cooperation and creativity.

In **Literacy**, we started with our phonic learning and learned our very first two sounds, "s" and "a", followed by our High Frequency words: "I and am".

In **Mathematics**, we learned about the concepts of size and how different objects can be measured and compared by size.

In **Understanding of the World**, we spoke about similarities and differences and mentioned all the people who help us inside our school.

In **Expressive Art and Design**, we designed our friendship puppets. 😊

Thursday was filled with friendship, fun and lots of smiles! Our little learners discovered what it means to be a good friend through our Wrinkled Heart Activity, learning how our words and actions can affect others. We also painted our very own clay handprints, created a "Good Friend" pebble, and enjoyed lots of fun friendship games together! It was a wonderful day of making happy memories with our friends!

Upcoming Activities:

This week, we're exploring the topic "My Health". Children will learn about simple ways to keep their bodies healthy and strong. Through fun stories, discussions, creative activities and hands-on learning, we are set to discover together the importance of **healthy food, washing our hands, brushing our teeth, exercising, getting enough sleep and taking care of ourselves.**

In **Literacy**, we will continue our phonics journey by learning the two new sounds "t" and "i", as well as two new High Frequency words "the" and "a".

In **Communication and Language**, we will read to the story about the little princes that is learning the importance of clean hands, called "Wash Your Hands".

In **Mathematics**, we finalize our learning of patterns and conduct our first knowledge check at the end of the week.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we will place the healthy food items in the happy tooth and the unhealthy (highly processed sugary) food items in the sad tooth.

We look forward to another wonderful week in which we will learn to make healthy choices, practise good hygiene, stay active, and take care of our bodies with confidence and independence. 😊



We learned and practiced new sounds by crafting painting and colouring! 😊

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Painting with Friends! We had fun colouring, sharing, and celebrating our creativity together! 😊

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.
- **Homework** will be sent out on Wednesday, 16th September.
- Provide your child with opportunities to **practice their pencil control**.
- Limit **screen time** to 1 hour per day.



Friendship Games! We played, moved, and laughed together while building teamwork and friendship!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 24th September
Vegetables and Fruit Market

We will make healthy choices on a fun trip to the Fruit and Vegetable Market! Our tiny shoppers will explore a world of fresh produce and practice using "market money" to buy their delicious snacks! Our teachers will help by setting up a makeshift market right at the school!



Friendship Fun! 🏃 We played, competed and laughed with our friends! 😊

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 12:30 p.m.

We look forward to working closely with you, to form a strong, home-school partnership, which will help to encourage your child to have a happy and successful year in Reception.