



Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



We started the week by combining our math learning with some fine motor skills development.



We practiced sorting, matching and opened the door to the world of patterns 😊

Activities Covered:

Last week, our little learners continued their exciting Reception journey with our "School Bells Ring PT2" theme! We explored our classroom routines and discovered what makes our school special.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story "Interrupting Chicken," and learned about taking turns, listening carefully, and showing respect when others are speaking. We made a chicken craft related to the story.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we learned about our classroom routines and safety rules for class activities as well as how to use classroom tools safely.

In **Physical Development**, we focused on an explanation of how to behave in the gym or outdoors during our physical activity classes

In **Literacy**, we listened to the story "**Chrysanthemum**," which talks about how long the character's name is, and how she thinks it's too long.

In **Mathematics**, we continued to explore the concept of matching, sorting, and comparing objects through hands-on activities and stories.

In **Understanding of the World**, we got to know our school and staff.

In **Expressive Art and Design**, we made a Mural of Friendship

Last Thursday, we had so much fun decorating our classroom door! Working together to make our classroom feel special helped us feel comfortable, happy, and right at home.

Upcoming Activities:

This week, we're exploring "**My KG & My Classroom**" and learning what makes a good friend! We'll discover how kindness, sharing, caring, and helping one another make our classroom a happy place to learn and grow!

In **Literacy**, we will start with our exciting Jolly Phonics Curriculum, where we will recognise and practice the phonics sounds "**s**" and "**a**" using our Jolly Phonics Workbook. We are excited to explore new sounds and enjoy hands-on activities that make learning to read fun and engaging! Our High Frequency words for the week are '**I & am**'.

In **Communication and Language**, we will listen to the story "**Starting School**" and talk about starting school and different feelings and making new friends.

In **Mathematics**, we will learn that objects can be compared and ordered by size. The difference in size should be noticeable so that comparisons can be made by eye and not through measure. Model the use of language such as 'big', 'little', 'large' and 'small'

It will be wonderful to see our children becoming more confident and independent each day.



Friendship in every brushstroke! Our children enjoyed fun movement activities and creating art together 😊

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Today, we planted our class tree and added our photos as colourful fruits, celebrating how each of us leaves their unique mark in the class!



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.



👐 Little Hands, Big Memories! Our children enjoyed making their handprints in clay, creating a special keepsake to treasure.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 17th September

Building Friendship Games!

This week, we'll be learning, laughing, and celebrating friendship through lots of fun activities! From playing Duck-Duck-Goose and creating our very own Friendship Rocks to making fingerprint hearts and painting clay handprints, every activity will help us learn about kindness, sharing, and caring for our friends.



Our very own and unique Cocoa tree is ready to grow and flourish through the year as we learn and grow together! 😊

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.