


Reception Cocoa Tree's Weekly Newsletter

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**In literacy we are getting so much better at blending and writing words. We also enjoy doing finger painting. Using paint is our most favourite activity.**

## Activities Covered:

Last week, we explored the topic "My Emotions". Children learned to recognise and talk about different feelings such as happy, sad, angry, worried and excited.

In **Communication and Language**, we loved the story "The Huge Bag of Worries" that made us remember our feelings on the first day of school and all the worries we had.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development,** we learned how to understand and handle our own bag of emotions.

In **Physical Development**, we continued exercising and practicing the exercise curriculum we started this year.

In **Literacy**, we learned two new sounds, **"e"** and **"h"**, followed by our High Frequency words: "**my & mum**".

In **Mathematics**, we learned about 2D shapes, such as circle, triangle, oval, heart, crescent, semi-circle and how to compose and decompose them.

In **Understanding of the World**, children developed a deeper understanding of feelings by playing a game "Guess the feeling" and crafting their own Emotion puzzle.

In **Expressive Art and Design**, we have dived into 5 different emotions and use our handprint to represent them.

Our little learners had a splendid time on Thursday, exploring their emotions through exciting activities, such as sensory bins, balloon throwing, splatter painting, and a fun emotion experiment.

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, our little explorers will go on an exciting journey to discover "My Neighbourhood"! We will talk about the places we see around us; from our homes and schools to parks, shops and hospitals. The children will learn about the important people who help make our neighbourhood a safe and happy place and share their experiences and talk about what makes our neighbourhood special. We will also learn how we can be kind, helpful and respectful members of our community.

In **Literacy,** we will continue our phonics journey by learning the two new sounds **"r"** and **"m",** as well as two new High Frequency words **"dad"** and **"is"**.

In **Communication and Language**, we will read once again the very amazing story that will make us reflect on our emotions, called **"The Huge Bag of Worries"**.

In **Mathematics**, we will learn in more detail about the numbers 4 and 5, how to subitize and represent those numbers. After this we will dive into 1 more and 1 less topic.

**In Personal, Social and Emotional Development,** we will play fun and meaningful game "The Good Neighbour".

It will be a wonderful week full of learning, sharing and discovering the world around us!



**'Emotions hand print' craft. Different colours for different**

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**We had a great time learning a skill to regulate their emotions and had fun doing an emotion explosion experiment.**

## Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 22nd October**
**My Neighbourhood**

**Get ready to build, create, and explore! Our little learners will design their very own mini-neighbourhood as a classroom, complete with cosy houses, a busy shop, a hospital, and a school. Together, we'll discover what makes a neighbourhood special, explore the places we visit every day, and learn how our community works. Let's put on our builder hats and bring our little world to life!**

## 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 every Wednesday.



**What a great way to find silly emotion faces in shaving cream!**





**Smash Painting 😊 This activity was so much fun on Thursday! We used different colours to describe our emotions.**

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.