



Reception Oak Tree's Newsletter



In literacy we practised the letter sounds c and k, two letters that make the same sound but does not look the same. C- for cow/caterpillar - k, kite and koala

Activities Covered:

Last week, we explored the topic "My Senses". Children learned about the different parts of our bodies, both inside and out.

In **Communication and Language**, we loved the story "Brown Bear" and the wonderful things he saw with his eyes.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we learned about the sense of smell and how our noses help us notice different smells and scents around us.

In **Physical Development**, we enjoyed the very active new exercise curriculum we have.

In **Literacy**, we learned two new sounds, "c" and "k", followed by our High Frequency words: "like & to".

In **Mathematics**, we were introduced to the idea that all numbers are made up of smaller numbers, and these are referred to as the parts of the number.

In **Understanding of the World**, we had an investigation table to explore all our senses.

In **Expressive Art and Design**, we did a blindfolded food tasting test.

Last Thursday, our little explorers went on an exciting five senses adventure! We used our eyes to see, ears to hear, noses to smell, tongues to taste, and hands to touch as we took part in fun, hands-on activities. From discovering interesting textures and mysterious smells to listening carefully and tasting new things, every activity brought a new surprise!

Upcoming Activities:

This week, the children will become "My Emotions" as we explore and learn about different feelings, such as happiness, sadness, anger, worry, excitement, and calmness. Through fun, hands-on activities, stories, discussions, role-play, art, and play, children will learn to recognise and name their emotions, express their feelings in appropriate ways, and discover simple strategies to help them manage their emotions and feel calm and safe.

In **Literacy**, we will continue our phonics journey by learning the two new sounds "e" and "h", as well as two new High Frequency words "my" and "mum".

In **Communication and Language**, we will read an amazing new story that will wake up our emotions, called "The Huge Bag of Worries".

In **Mathematics**, we will focus on 2D shapes, and circles, triangles, ovals, hearts, crescents, semi-circles. Composing and Decomposing shapes.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we will explore our different emotions and how to cope or manage our bag of emotions.



Exploring the sense of smell and taste! We made a lovely craft and enjoyed the 'Guess Taste Test Game.'

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The sense of Sight and Touch, we enjoyed exploring different materials at the investigation table.

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.

Brotherhood Initiative:

Let us teach our children that a good friend gently advises a friend when they see them doing something that hurts others, saying, "Stop, that is not a kind thing to do," "Please, don't say that" or "Come on, let's choose a better way to act." A close friend can have a strong influence, and their words and actions can help guide a friend toward better choices.



Last Thursday, we had so much fun walking in different textures and the best of all was when we created a shaker!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 15th October

My Emotions

We are going to have a fun-filled day exploring our emotions through play, messy activities and our senses!

Messy play is a wonderful way for children to explore, express themselves and discover how different experiences make them feel.

Through hands-on activities and sensory play, we will encourage our little learners to recognise, understand and talk about their emotions while having lots of fun along the way!



We had loads of fun exploring our sense of taste and smell. The rose smell was the best!

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.