

Reception Cocoa Tree's Weekly Newsletter

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Last week we introduced the 'b and g' sounds. The class learnt how to pronounce the sounds, form the sounds when writing and created their own duck and garden crafts!



As we have been learning about 'My Home', we learnt about the different types of homes we can have such as a villa or apartment and what rooms are inside a home! The class then used pictures from their own homes for a greater understanding.

Activities Covered:

Last week, we explored the topic of "My Home"! We discovered different types of homes, learned about the rooms in a house and their purposes, and discussed how to keep our homes clean, safe, and tidy.

In **Communication and Language**, we loved the story "Welcome to My Home" that taught us about the different rooms inside a home, people that live in it and all the things that we can find inside a home.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development,** we created our own homes, every home was unique and different and that is what makes them all wonderful.

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

In **Literacy**, we learned two new sounds, **"d"** and **"g"**, followed by our High Frequency words: "**he & she**".

In **Mathematics**, we continued to learn in more detail about the numbers 4 and 5, we focused on writing and composition of those numbers.

In **Understanding of the World**, we engaged in an amazing activity of building a Home for our Teddy.

In **Expressive Art and Design**, we crafted our home with photos of our family members.

Last Thursday, our little designers got creative as they transformed four spaces into a kitchen, bedroom, lounge and dining room using real objects and ornaments. Their imagination, creativity and eye for detail truly impressed us! We are so proud of their wonderful ideas!

Upcoming Activities:

This week, our little learners will explore the beautiful theme "My Family"! We will talk about our family members, shared special moments, and discover how families show love, care, and support for one another. We will engage in fun discussions, crafts and games and help children learn the importance of helping with simple household chores. We will name the fun activities we do together as a family and celebrate how every family is unique and special, reminding our little ones that love, kindness, and togetherness make a family wonderful!

In **Literacy**, we will have our very first assessment week that will assess our knowledge of all the previously learnt phonic sounds, their writing, reading as well as reading of the high frequency words we covered so far.

In **Communication and Language**, we will read the wonderful story '***My Family book***' which hold a meaningful message of how each family is different, special in its own way but what makes them all similar is the love they share.

In **Mathematics**, we will take part in assessments all week, we will check our knowledge of numbers 1 to 5; writing, reading, composition and sequencing; counting to 20.

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development, we will learn about the activities we do together as a family; some include our responsibilities and others are fun activities that we love.



In Maths we were focusing on the numbers 4 and 5. We learnt how different parts can make the whole number using a hands-on approach! We also practiced our number knowledge, where do the numbers go in our number line!

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What a fun day we had on Thursday! Cocoa Tree class were amazing and helping to create different rooms we find inside our home. Here is the living room!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 12th November
Family Dress Up Day

We are going to have a family dress up day.

We will get to choose a member of our family that we want to look like for the day. We wear the clothes they wear and pretend to be them here at school. As part of our activities, we will visit the post office and send mail to our parents from all of us here at school. We will get to check our classroom mailbox for mail from our parents too!

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 amazing teamwork the class showed using their kind hands helping one another to move the pieces of furniture needed! They were able to communicate well to express where they wanted their items to go.

To see more photos of our adventures in learning be sure to visit our website, Facebook and Instagram

What do we do in the Dining Room? We eat of course! The children loved making their own sandwiches and practiced their fine motor skills by spreading cream cheese over their bread and taking turns pouring water for each other.



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.