



# Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



We learnt that we can be in another environment without mommy and daddy. Additionally, we are loved and cared for even at school.



We learnt about recognition and concepts of number 0-3 last week! We are so smart!

## Activities Covered:

Welcome to the Reception Cocoa Tree class. Ms. Angelique and Ms. Grace are looking forward to working with you to ensure that your child has a happy, rewarding, and successful year. We would particularly like to extend a warm welcome to those families and children who are joining us for the first time.

Our aim is for all children to reach their full potential in a happy, caring atmosphere, where everyone is valued. We want the children to become self-motivated, organised, responsible, independent, and considerate of others and the environment. We believe that enjoyment and willingness to learn are key factors in your child's success at school.

Last week, during **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story "*The Kissing Hand*". We spoke about the things that made us nervous about starting school. We also learnt that Daddy and Mommy will always support and be there for us. We created a cute raccoon craft with our handprint on the raccoon's tummy.

In **Physical Development**, we learnt about the importance of developing our gross motor skills and we practiced crossing our midlines and balancing through various fun activities. Furthermore, we also enhanced our fine motor through peg games and cutting practices.

Last week in **Literacy**, we played the name game where we sang each other's names and were tested to see if we could recognise our own names by finding our names on paper plates. We had a great time painting our names too! We also did visual discrimination activities where we use concrete objects to copy different challenges on flashcards.

In **Mathematics**, we met numbers 0-3! We enjoyed listening to the number blocks stories and learned each number in a fun hands-on approach! We used paint, stickers and sensory boxes to learn our Mathematics!

We had a fantastic first week!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, in week 2, we will continue with our process of settling into school and the routines that we follow. We will also be encouraging friendship building and focus on establishing relationships within the class.

For **Communication and Language**, we will listen to the story '*The Interrupting Chicken*' which will teach us the importance of raising our hands when we want to say something. This is a very important class rule to remember.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we will continue adapting to our class rules and routines through various hands-on tasks.

For **Mathematics**, we are going to practice our counting skills by discovering who in class has the longest name and who has the shortest name. We will also continue to practice recognition, writing and concepts of numbers 4-6.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will listen to the story "*How to be a Friend*". We will learn how important it is to have and how to make friends.

It's going to be another fun-filled week!



We had a great time identifying and painting our names!



Visual discrimination is such an important part of learning to read and write. So, we loved doing the activities!



### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> - Making friendship bracelets.**

We will celebrate the new friendship we have begun building by making friendship bracelets for our new friends.

### 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.
- Drop off and collect your child promptly each day.
- Provide your child with opportunities to **practice their pencil control**.
- Limit **screen time** to 1 hour per day.



We learnt that our names start with a special capital letter. How nice is that!

To see more photos of our adventures in learning be sure to visit our website:

<http://www.kidnaroundkg.com> or [Kid'n Around Facebook](#) and [Instagram - kidnaroundkg](#)

### 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 encourage your child to have a happy and successful year in Reception.



We had so much fun in the gym playing different games!