



# Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



We had a great time sticking our names with stickers! Some names were very long, but we all pushed through to get the job done!



We learnt numbers 0-5 intensively! We were using concrete objects to see if we know the numbers concepts from 0-5. We did a great job!

## Activities Covered:

Last week, in Week 2, we continued with our process of settling into school and the routines that we follow. We also encouraged friendship-building and focused on establishing relationships within the class.

During **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story *'The Interrupting Chicken'* which taught us the importance of raising our hands when we want to say something during group discussions. This is a very important class rule to remember.

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

In **Physical Development**, we took part in different exercises to support us with our midline crossing, which plays an important part in our development.

In **Literacy**, we continued learning to recognise our names through games, songs, and artwork.

For **Mathematics**, we practiced our counting skills by discovering who in class has the longest name and who has the shortest name. We also continued with investigating numbers 4-6 through various activities.

In **Understanding the World**, we played the game *'guess who is it'* to introduce all staff members to the students and explained their duties.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we listened to the story *"How to be a Friend"*. We learned how important it is to have and how to make friends. This was followed by completing a friendship flower for our class.

On Thursday, we got even more creative in making friendship necklaces. We made one for ourselves and another to give a special friend in class. It was a great second week!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, we are excited to kickstart the EYFS curriculum through the **'Getting to Know You'** topic. We will discuss the steps we need to take to make more friends and how cool it is to have friends in school.

Do you know what we are going to do in **Literacy**? We are going to start our Jolly phonics programme by learning two new sounds each week. We will begin with the sounds **s** and **a**! We will be working in the Jolly Phonics Workbook for the first time as well!

In **Communication and Language**, we will read a book called *'Why Should I Share'*. We will discuss what happened in the story and discuss why it is important to share with our friends.

In **Personal, Social, Emotional Development** we will watch a story *'Manner Matters'* will learn the importance of using our manners such as the magic words; please, thank you and excuse me.

**Physical Development**, we are going to play some exciting friendship games like magic carpet, red light green light, paper balloon friend and musical chairs. This will promote teamwork and collaboration.

We cannot wait for next week!



We had an exciting time using our bodies to do different movements to complete the obstacle course! It was so much fun!



Friends are playing an important role in our lives. That's why we made a beautiful forever friendship necklace for our 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 had a splendid time playing the dancing and freezing game on Thursday!

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September - baking healthy cookies**

We will be making some delicious cookies using only 2 ingredients. banana and oats. While we wait for them to cool down, we will decorate a photo frame to save one of our early memories here at school.

Let us know if your child has allergies to oats and or bananas.



We played musical chairs with our friends. Making new friendships was the right time and place to do it.

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