



Reception Cocoa Tree's Weekly  
Newsletter

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Did you know we use 5 senses everyday? We created a cute puppet that showed all the 5 senses.



We loved learning about the sense of touch. We created a fan showing all the different types of textures we can touch.

## Activities Covered:

Last week with the theme '**Senses**', we explored our 5 basic senses of *Touch, Hear, Taste, Sight, and Smell* through different hands-on activities and crafts.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story '*The 5 Senses*' to help us understand how our senses work with our body. Then we tested our sense of hearing through some fun activities that required our full concentration. We were blindfolded and had to rely only on our sense of hearing to identify the sounds in our environment.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we focused on our sense of sight through an 'I Spy' game and 'spot the difference' task. These were great fun!

In **Physical Development**, we had fun exploring the sense of touch by feeling different textures, followed by an exciting handcraft of different textures. We also learned new vocabulary such as bumpy, rough, and smooth to describe the different textures we touched.

In **Literacy**, we revised the phonics sounds *t*, and *i*, and learnt the sounds *p* & *n*. We learnt their jolly jingle, listened to their story, and wrote them. Furthermore, we made various crafts to help us remember them.

In **Mathematics**, we revised numbers 1 to 14 and explored numbers 15 to 18 through counting, recognising, fingerpainting, and more hands-on activities.

In **Understanding of the World**, we explored our sense of taste and smell while blindfolded. Hmmm.... That was interesting!

On Thursday, we rotated classes to do more experiments with our senses. We discovered new textures, fragrances, sounds, and tastes. We are now confident in knowing that all our 5 senses are being used every day in our growth and development.

## Upcoming Activities:

In this fascinating week of learning, we will embark on an educational journey to discover the wonders of the outer human **Body Parts**.

In **Communication and Language**, we will dive into the charming story '*Eyes, Nose, Fingers, and Toes*'. We are very excited about our hands-on activity where we will trace a boy and a girl on large paper, paint them, and then label each body part. This is sure to be an enjoyable experience for us!

In **Physical Development**, get ready for some energetic fun as we challenge our bodies by playing the body shape game! Wish us luck as we embark on this active adventure together!

In **Literacy**, we will learn the phonics sounds *ck* and *e*. In our workbooks, we will continue to learn how to write the sounds using the correct letter formation and identify words that have each of these sounds. The '**High-Frequency Words**' for this week, are '*a*' and '*an*'.

In **Mathematics**, we will concentrate on number recognition for numbers 18-20, as well as exploring number concepts and writing. These activities are designed to build the children's numerical skills in a fun and engaging manner.

We look forward to another wonderful week of learning and growing together!



Nnn...! The sound '*n*' was the most exciting sound especially when we did the action of it. Look, we could also build it.



We had the most exciting day on Thursday! We had a go in sensory box filled with different exciting objects to feel!

### 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.
- Encourage your child to complete their **homework** independently.

### My values Draw My Identity

Parents are our partners in responsibility.

What you say to your children is not important; what counts is what you do!

You are their role models.



We discovered different types of fragrances! Wow! There were so many!

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Pyjama Day & Build-A-bear Workshop.**

Children are to come to school dressed in their pyjamas. We will practice a healthy bedtime routine. The day will end with building a bear.

This is going to be a very exciting experience so don't forget to return the slip together with the payment.



Food can be salty, sour, sweet or bitter! We had great fun exploring different tastes!

To see more photos of our adventures in learning be sure to visit our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

The 'Aseel' initiative:

*I belong to a community.*

### 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.