



Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



So excited to share that we've entered an art competition! My family has been wonderfully supportive while we were busy completing our portrait.



"Our roots run deep and we are proud of ourselves!" Our explorers began a special journey by creating their family trees in class, to add even more at home.

Activities Covered:

We can't believe that we are halfway through the first term! This week, we had a lovely topic 'All about Me'. We explored different types of families around the world and compared them to ours. We discovered our identity and how unique we are.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the stories 'My Dad Is Great' and 'Bluey, My Mum is the Best'. Then, we discussed the roles and characteristics of our family members.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we listened to the story about how a family showed support to their child in participating in a competition and was proud of his achievement. We learned that it is good to celebrate each other's accomplishments.

In **Physical Development**, we made a portrait of ourselves, recognising our identity and understanding that we are all different in our way but unique.

In **Literacy**, we learned the phonics sounds **m** and **d**. We continued to learn how to write the sounds using the correct letter formation and identify words that have each of these sounds. We continued to blend words having the sounds we had already learned. The **High-Frequency Words** for last week, were 'it' and 'in'. We practiced using them in oral sentences.

In **Mathematics**, we continued learning about shapes and focused on shapes with 5 and more sides. We learned their properties and how to differentiate between them. We also learned to build those shapes using various manipulatives.

In **Understanding the World**, we talked about 'My Family Roots'. We started a family tree which will be completed at home during the mid-term break and sent back when school opens on Sunday the 3rd of November.

On Thursday, we came to school dressed up as one of our family members. It was lots of fun having our mums joined us in class.

Upcoming Activities:

When we resume school after the mid-term break, our topic will be "Growing People" and will focus on the different stages of growth. We will learn about the roles we can play in our family as we are growing more independent.

In **Communication and Language**, we will listen to the story 'I Love Us! A Book About Family' which will help us to discuss the activities we do with our families. We will make a short video of us expressing our love for our family.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we will play a game 'Who's the most? In this game, we will learn more about each other's family, similarities, and differences.

In **Physical Development**, we will use various small tools to create a background for the photos we will bring from our home of the activities we have done together.

In **Literacy**, we will learn 2 new jolly phonics sounds, **g** and **o**. We will learn their songs, actions, and formation as well as make a craft for each sound to help us remember them. The High-Frequency Words for this week are - **to** and **and**.

We look forward to returning to school for more fun!



M-M-Magic in the Classroom!
We are mastering the 'm' sound by building it! We're having so much fun with our mmm-mazing activities!



Family Dress-Up Day Fun! We have a blast dressing up like our family members today!

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.

Sit along with your kids to build a stronger relationship. Make them feel that you are the source of their affection, safety, and warmth.



We had a lovely time today with our storytelling session! A big thank you to all the parents who came in to share their favourite stories with the children.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 7th November - I can Challenge.

As we learn about the different stages of life, we will challenge ourselves to do different tasks as if we were different ages.

Basic activities can sometimes be challenging at different ages in our lives, let's see how well they do!



What a fantastic day we had painting baby suits with our lovely parents! The creativity and colours were absolutely amazing.

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.