



Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



Did you know our lungs are like superheroes? They work hard to keep us breathing and playing every day! Remember to take deep breaths and enjoy the fresh air!



Exploring the world of 2D shapes with our little learners in last week! From circles to squares, triangles to rectangles, we've got it all covered.

Activities Covered:

Last week, we had a fascinating week learning about '**Parts of our Body**', and we discovered the **inner body parts** and their functions.

In **Communication and Language**, we explored the amazing story '**Bones**'. Then we explored a '**mystery box**' to guess the body parts we found without looking at the object. It was an enjoyable experience for us!

In **Physical Development**, we understood why it is important to brush our teeth and we practiced the proper way of brushing our teeth.

In **Literacy**, we learnt the phonics sounds **h** and **r**. We continued to learn how to write the sounds using the correct letter formation and identify words that have each of these sounds. We have also begun to blend words having the sounds we have already learnt. The '**High-Frequency Words** for last week, were '**can**' and '**is**'. We practiced using them in oral sentences.

In **Mathematics**, we explored all our basic **2D shapes**, their recognition, and their properties. We also learnt to build those shapes using various manipulatives.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we explore the functions of the heart and how it works by conducting an experiment. It was fascinating!

In **Understanding the World**, we focused on the lungs and their function in our bodies. We then created our own lungs to see how it will work in reality.

On Thursday, we came to school dressed in our exercise clothes for a day full of physical challenges. We competed in various activities which are helping in developing our gross motors, balance, and midline crossing.

It was another fun week here at school!

Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will focus on a new topic, '**All about Me**'. We will have the opportunity to explore different types of families around the world and compare them to ours. We will also discover our identity and how we are unique.

In **Communication and Language**, we will listen to the stories '**My Dad Is Great**' and '**Bluey, My Mum is the Best**' which will be followed by a discussion about the roles and characteristics of the members of our family.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we will listen to the story about how a family showed support to their child in participating in a competition and was proud of his achievement.

In **Physical Development**, we will continue the discussion about how our family can support us and then we will create a self-portrait using various techniques to strengthen our fine motors.

In **Literacy**, we will learn 2 new jolly phonics sounds, **m** and **d**. 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 - **it** and **in**.

We have another exciting week ahead!



Learning about how our heart works is exciting! The heart is like a strong, steady drum keeping the rhythm of life - it's what pumps blood all around our bodies, giving us the energy to play and explore!



Our little acrobats had a fantastic time trying to walk along the line with beanbags on their heads!

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.



Two friends getting creative and balancing balloons on a piece of paper! Who's up for a challenge to see how long they can keep them up?

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 24th - Dress up as different family members. Mummy/daddy & me activities.

Children are asked to come to school dressed as a member of their family.

In line with the 'Aseel' initiative, parents are invited to join their children for an hour of fun activities in the class.



Thursday's adventure: balloon between the knees! We giggled and wobbled our way through a fun-filled walk, developing balance and coordination.

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.