



# Reception Cocoa Tree's Newsletter



We explored the world of sea pollution and its impact on marine life. Together, we discovered, once they're polluted, it's a big challenge to make it clean again.



Our little artists were busy painting their river scene for our special recycling project.

## Activities Covered:

Exciting times in Reception as we embarked on a journey to become active citizens! We explored fun ways to keep our environment clean and safe for everyone to enjoy. We promised to make a big difference with small actions every day! Last week, we began the topic of **growing a healthy environment**.

**In Communication and Language**, we will learn about what it means to have a healthy environment through the story '*The Lorax*'. We learnt new vocabulary and recalled parts of the story in our own words.

**In Physical Development**, we teamed up in pairs and went on a nature scavenger hunt in the schoolyard to look for natural things in the environment. We found some in their natural state, some on the painted walls and some were artificial.

**In Literacy**, we learnt the High-Frequency words '**to**' and '**and**'. We continued to build sentences using these words. We also learnt the Jolly Phonics sounds **u** and **l**. We practiced recognising these sounds in words, correct formation in various mediums and made crafts to help us remember them.

**In Understanding the World**, we focused on ocean pollution and how it negatively affects the marine environment. We then completed an interesting oil spill experiment to demonstrate how the sea gets polluted and how difficult it is to clean it up. This was eye-opening.

**In Expressive Arts and Design**, we got busy creating a masterpiece from recyclable items such as cardboard boxes, empty water bottles, and more.

On Thursday, we came to school with a recycling project we made from home. We talked to our friends about it and what types of materials we reused to make our project. We also participated in various games using only recyclable materials once more. We are developing our knowledge of keeping our environment clean and safe for all to use.

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will continue our learning about **growing a healthy environment** and how to be more sustainable in our actions. We will focus on the importance of recycling.

**In Communication and Language**, we will learn that recycling helps our planet stay clean and green! By recycling, reusing, and reducing waste, we're taking care of Earth's natural resources. We will apply this new knowledge to make an awareness poster.

**In Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we will learn about excessive plastic use and how it can lead to the destruction of our earth. By practicing good citizenship, we will create baskets from plastic bottles.

**In Physical Development**, we will play fun games with recycling materials, such as ten-pin bowling, the bottle cap game, racing cups, and bottle catch. We cannot wait to play these exciting games!

**In Mathematics**, we will learn about patterns and how we can create patterns with different objects.

**In Expressive Arts and Design**, we will focus on the Ministry's 'Safe Surfing' initiative where we will continue to learn about online safety through role play.

Looks like a packed but fun week awaits!



We dived deep into our 'u' sound adventure for 'Under the Sea'! We had a wonderful time creating vibrant sea life crafts.



We turned recycling materials into a crocodile-filled river and other amazing creations. It's wonderful to see our imagination and eco-friendly skills in action!

### 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.

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<https://bit.ly/3YhWllm>



This was the best game ever, trying to hit the bottles over with a tennis ball in the stockings.

### Upcoming Events:

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Doha Bus Tour

We will be touring the beautiful Doha city to observe how the environment is maintained clean. At the park, we will be having some fun outdoor adventures. We will also practice putting our trash in the bins and cleaning up after use.

Children should wear the complete set of uniform for this day.



We're all trying to get the balls through the hole in the box, while having lots of fun! Teamwork, laughter, and a bit of friendly competition make for a fantastic day at school!

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

The 'Safe Surfing' initiative:

*What should I choose?*

### 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.