



# Reception Cocoa Tree Newsletter



**F** for flower and fish! We learnt the song, the action, and even how to write the f-letter sound. We had so much fun!



We read that a plant needs soil, water, sunlight and air. This is exactly what we gave our seeds! We observed every morning to see how they were growing.

## Activities Covered:

Last week, we explored the magical world of plants, discovering how they grow and bring so much joy to our lives.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story "*My Family Helps and Protects Me.*" We learned how our family plays a key role in keeping us safe when we are playing online games.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we learned about the types of online games that are beneficial to our well-being and given the chance to make the right decisions by choosing appropriate games. This is in line with the 'Safe Surfing' initiative of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

In **Physical Development**, we discovered how seeds grow and what they need to grow. We also sang songs and listened to wonderful stories to help us understand the amazing journey of seeds. Then we planted bean seeds and carefully observed how they grew throughout the week.

In **Literacy**, we learned the sounds "f" and "b" through stories, songs, actions, and other fun activities to reinforce these sounds. We also learned the High-Frequency Words "he" and "she". Furthermore, we continued to write and use them in simple sentences.

In **Mathematics**, we learned the concept of number bonds. We decomposed numbers from 1 to 5 using hands-on methods to understand the concept accurately.

In **Understanding the World**, we learned and discussed the parts of a flower. We then put our knowledge into practice by sequencing a sunflower plant made of recycled materials.

On Thursday, we put our green fingers to the test by planting beans in our class pot. Then we created a garden in a tray which we will watch grow in the days ahead. We will need to take care of our plants by practicing what we have learnt.

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will complete our theme of growing by focusing on **growing healthy foods and habits**. We will explore how living a healthy lifestyle is important for our growth and development.

In **Communication and Language**, we will listen to and discuss the story "*The Very Hungry Caterpillar.*" We will learn about healthy and non-healthy foods.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we will learn about our dental hygiene and why it is important to brush our teeth. We will need to bring our toothbrushes and toothpaste to school to practice the correct way of brushing our teeth.

In **Physical Development**, we will engage in yoga sessions as we learn the healthy habit of exercising regularly.

In **Mathematics**, we will continue learning the concept of number bonds. We will be decomposing numbers to 5 and then to 10 using various hands-on methods.

In **Understanding the World**, we will learn about germs and that they are not for sharing. We will experiment to see how we can easily spread germs if we are not careful.

We look forward to another week of excitement in learning!



We learnt about the parts of the plants. Did you know that a plant consists of roots, a stem, leaves, petals and pollen? How amazing!



We had a wonderful day on Thursday planting tomatoes and eggplants!

### 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/3zH8fMt>



We planted seeds for our little garden in a tray. We cannot wait for our plants to grow!

### Upcoming Events:

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Vegetables and Fruit Market

We will use our knowledge of making healthy choices and go to the Fruit and Vegetable Market to buy something for us to enjoy for snack.

Our teachers will serve us in our make-shift market, and we will practice using our money in exchange for goods too!



Look at us happily putting our green fingers to work!

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:

As the weather is getting cooler in the morning, children are enjoying outdoor play upon drop-off. Kindly ensure your child arrives on time to seize this opportunity.