



Reception Cocoa Tree Newsletter



Learning about India was so much fun! Representing India in the parade was even more fun!



We travelled to France and learnt about important landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower. We loved making a craft about the Eiffel tower!

Activities Covered:

Last week, we packed our suitcases and had an adventurous week, full of fun! We learnt about different countries in our International Week topic. Our reception group travelled across the world. We visited 2 different countries France and India.

In **Literacy**, we revised the phonics sounds *s, a, t, i, p, n*. We used them to spell simple CVC words and listened to the beginning, middle, and end sounds in different words as we completed dictation activities. We also revised the High-Frequency Words *a, I, can, is, it, in*.

In **Mathematics**, we revised numbers 1 to 20 using various hands-on approaches. We also learnt to count to 10 in French!

On **Sunday**, we learnt about different languages, famous landmarks, food, costumes, and the currency of France and India. We even tasted some croissants from France.

On **Monday**, we listened to traditional stories and folk tales. Then we made a craft unique to these countries. We used a variety of materials to make the Eiffel Tower and an elephant craft.

On **Tuesday**, we came to school dressed in our class country's colours, the same as the flag colours. We participated in a parade and then we traveled to China, Mexico, India, Palestine, and France with our passports. We had them stamped. We all had a lovely day filled with joy and laughter. We also learnt the meaning behind the French and Indian flags as we decorated them.

On **Thursday**, we came dressed our own countries attire or the colours of the flag. We brought food to school to share for your international feast. It was very yummy to try different dishes. We also played different games from around the world. Some were familiar and some were new to learn.

It was an amazing week learning about different cultures and traditions around the world.

Upcoming Activities:

This week is the last week of the term, and where did time go? We will end it on a high note by learning all about this beautiful country we call our home, **Qatar**. It's only fitting as the Qatar National Day approaches. We will learn some famous traditions of Qatar as well as celebrate its culture.

On **Sunday**, we will learn about Qatar's historic landmarks and places to visit. We will also learn about the traditional food, clothes, and customs.

On **Monday**, we will celebrate Qatar National Day, and all parents are invited to come and watch us perform various aspects of the Qatari culture.

On **Tuesday**, we will learn the meaning behind the Qatari flag. Then we will be colouring the national flag and completing a flag puzzle.

Tuesday will also be the last day of term 1 and we would like to seize this opportunity to thank all our parents for their continuous support this term. We look forward to more collaboration in Term 2.



On Tuesday, we had the most exciting time travelling with our passports all around the world. Here we stopped in Mexico.



We were excited to celebrate International day!

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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Upcoming Events:

Monday 16th - Qatar National Day Celebrations.

We will participate in cultural activities.

Children are asked to come to school dressed in the colours of the Qatari flag or costumes representing different jobs in Qatar.

Last day of term 1

The school will end at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday 17th December and there will be no late pick-up service.



We loved to play "Cheel Jhapatta" game from India!

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



We had a wonderful time eating delicious food with our friends on Thursday

Final Note:

We wish you all a Happy National Day and a wonderful winter break!

