



# Reception Cocoa Tree Newsletter



Did you know we can use the 'ai-sound' to spell the word snail? Guess what, we even created a snail! We always have so much fun in our literacy lessons.

## Activities Covered:

Last week, we traveled from the zoo and the jungle to the farm and learn all about **Farm animals**. We discovered the different animals that live on a farm and the role of a farmer.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story: "**Wake up Time on Bumble Farm**". We also sequenced the story in our own words and chose a farm animal to make as a craft.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we started the new Ministry of Education and Higher Education initiative, *Healthy Living for a Strong Body and Mind*. We reinforced healthy habits and routines for our physical well-being.

In **Physical Development**, we moved our bodies differently when we copy farm animal movements in a yoga activity. Some moves were tricky, but we got the gist with practice.

In **Literacy**, we learnt 2 new jolly phonics sounds, 'ai' & 'j'. We learned their actions, songs, and formations. We also learnt the high-frequency words **you** and **see**. We continued to build words and sentences using these new sounds and words.

In **Mathematics**, we revised the polygon shape, pentagon, hexagon, heptagon, octagon, nonagon, and decagon through various hands-on activities. The memory game was a hit!

In **Understanding of the World**, we sang and acted out the song "Old McDonald Had a Farm" by using animal masks. We also played a listening game guessing the sounds of the farm animals. We had so much fun!

In **Expressive Art and Design**, made a farm mural, adding animals and their babies.

On Thursday, we went on an exciting trip to the North Sedra Farm where could interact with the animals by feeding them and riding the camel. We even got to ride small boats by ourselves. It was a fun day out learning about the animals in their habitat.



It was so great fun the explore all the farm animals! We sang and acted out 'Old McDonald had a farm'.

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, we're continuing our exciting journey into the world of farm animals. We'll be learning all about the wonderful produce they provide us, from eggs to milk! We'll also discover other interesting **products from the farm**.

For **Communication and Language**, we will be reading the story "**The Little Red Hen**". We will retell the story with actions as we learn the whole process from planting the grains to baking bread with flour. Then, we will bake our own bread in school.

For **Physical Development**, we will discuss where eggs come from. Then we will have a close look inside a fresh chicken egg and learn its different parts.

In **Literacy**, we will learn the sounds **oa** & **ie**. We will learn their actions, songs, and formation before practicing them in our books. The High-Frequency words for this week are **at** & **go**.

For **Mathematics**, we will introduce the 3D shapes, sphere, cube, cone, and triangular prism. We will use fun hands-on activities to learn these shapes.

For **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will discover the fruits and vegetables that come from the farm and make a delicious fruit salad!

It's going to be a fun and educational week!



Playing the math memory game to learn all the polygons shapes was so exciting!



What great fun it was to visit the farm! Learning to about farm animals with our friends is just the best!

### Tips for home:

- 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

#### Our Partners in Responsibility

To help your children develop the habit of 'eating healthy', be their role models and make sure to: Remove unhealthy foods from the house, offer a variety of healthy foods, and present meals attractively.



School of fish is just an amazing phenomenon to see and feeding them was just so amazing!

### Upcoming Events:

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Vet visit

We will be having the pleasure of welcoming a veterinarian to our school who will come and teach us how to take care of our pets. They will also tell us how some animals were rescued.

During the week we will continue to collect pet food to donate to the pet rescue center to support them in taking care of their animals.



Feeding the goats let us feel like farmers. They really loved their milk!

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

'Your well-being is a trust' initiative:

*Healthy living for a strong body and mind.*

### Final Note:

A friendly reminder that children must wear their school jackets as part of their uniform. Jackets and long pants are available for purchase.