



Reception Cocoa Tree Newsletter



What an adventure we embarked on! We learnt where milk comes from and then we milk the cow! It was so much fun!



Did you know that we can make butter with dairy products? This is exactly what we did, we made butter using whipping cream!

Activities Covered:

Last week, we stayed on the farm and learnt all about **Farm animals' produce** and other produce. We discovered the different types of products we can get from farm animals, we also learnt that all fruits and vegetables come from all over the world.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story "*The Little Red Hen*". We were able to retell the story with actions as we learnt the whole process from planting the grains to baking bread with flour. Then, we baked our bread in school we had to wait quite a while as it needed to raise and then bake, but the wait was so worth it. That tasted so yummy!

In **Physical Development**, we discussed where eggs come from. Then we will have a close look inside. Making this craft was super fun and we learned so much about what was inside the chicken egg.

In **Literacy**, we learnt 2 new jolly phonics sounds **oa** & **ie**. We learnt their actions, songs, and formation before practicing them in our books. The High-Frequency words for this week are **at** & **go**. It was really funny listening to all the silly sentences we came up with.

In **Mathematics**, we learnt 3D shapes, sphere, cube, cone, and triangular prism. We used fun hands-on activities to learn these shapes. Making the shapes using wood sticks and air-dry clay was super fun! These shapes are all around us, all we have to do is look closely.

In **Understanding of the World**, we learnt how to milk a cow. We didn't get it at first, but it got easier as we practiced more and more. And we even made butter! Can you believe it! We made butter. That was really fun, great fun!

On Thursday, we had a visit from the veterinarian, and they showed us how to properly take care of our pets and make sure that they feel the same just as we are happy, safe, loved, and healthy. Some of our friends brought their pets from home to show and describe how they look after them at home.

Upcoming Activities:

This week, we're venturing deep into the sea, and we will learn about **Sea Animals**. We'll be learning all about the wonderful sea life. We will learn about habitats and what they eat, how they survive, and how we can play a big role in protecting our marine life.

For **Communication and Language**, we will be reading the story "*Starry Eyed Stan*". We will retell the story in our own words, then we will do sea animal crafts related to the story. This will be so much fun!

For **Physical Development**, we will continue with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education initiative, Healthy Living for a Strong Body and Mind. We reinforce healthy eating habits and routines for our physical well-being.

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

For **Mathematics**, we will introduce the 3D shapes, cylinder, pyramid, and rectangular prism(cuboid). We will continue using fun hands-on activities to learn these shapes.

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



Finally, we learnt that a farmer plants wheat. Do you know what we can make with wheat? Of course, bread! We even used the butter we made on our freshly baked bread.



Parkview Pet Centre were so happy about the donations for their animals. Thank you, friends!

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

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To help your children develop the habit of 'drinking enough water', be their role models and ensure the following: Eliminate artificial juices from home, make water accessible in household areas, and set fixed times for drinking water.



We couldn't hold our excitement with the rabbit and other animals in our class. Taking care of the animals were just so amazing!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 30th January - Aquarium Trip

We are heading to the aquarium! Now that we know how much fun we can have when we travel together on the bus, we are excited to explore the underwater world and see all the amazing sea creatures.



We had our best time of our lives when the veterinarians came to visit us with Bailey the dog!

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.