



Reception Cocoa Tree Newsletter



Listening to the story "*Winners Never Quit*", we learnt not to quit if times get tough. Following with playing soccer was just the best!



We learnt about measuring weight using the sink and float experiment! We enjoyed this activity tremendously!

Activities Covered:

Last week, we were making a sporty pit stop in our animal adventures to celebrate Qatar National Sports Day! We had loads of fun exploring different sports and discovered how they help keep us fit and healthy. We also had a fantastic time at our sports day on Sunday.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story "*Winners Never Quit*" and had a discussion that quitting is not the answer during games. We had great time playing football matches.

In **Personal, Emotional, and Social Development**, we continued learning the slogan "Healthy Living for a Strong Body and Mind" and made promises to live healthily by practicing the healthy habits we have been learning about.

In **Literacy**, we learnt the jolly phonics sounds **v** & **ng** alongside the High-Frequency Words **not** and **this**.

In **Mathematics**, we continued with our topic of measuring and focused on **measuring weight** and **capacity**. We conducted practical experiments to help us compare those 2 concepts and learnt new vocabulary, such as heavy, light, full, empty, etc.

In **Physical** development, we had an amazing time playing classic games like swing ball, egg and spoon races, sack races, tug of war, and beanbag toss. Watching teamwork was simply wonderful!

In **Understanding of the World**, we learned that exercising keeps our bodies super healthy! We had a fantastic time tackling an obstacle course together.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we had such a fun time during our photo shoot, celebrating our healthy routine together!

It was another fun week!

Upcoming Activities:

This week, we are resuming our animal topic and will be exploring the world of creepy crawlers through the topic of **Minibeasts**. We will learn all the names of the different minibeasts and their different microhabitats.

In **Communication and Language**, we will read a story "*Mad About Minibeasts*". We will discuss different minibeasts, talk about their features, and how they are different from others.

In **Physical Development**, we will continue to combine different movements with ease and fluency through a minibeast-themed yoga session. We will also make minibeasts prints in air-dry clay!

In **Literacy**, we will learn the jolly phonics sounds 'oo' and 'OO'. Alongside their actions, we will learn their jolly jingles, blend new words with these sounds, and practice writing them in our workbook. Furthermore, we will make crafts to help us remember them. Our new HFWs for this week will be '**that**' and '**my**'. We will also use those words in building new sentences.

In **Mathematics**, we will be assessed for our term 2 reports.

In **Understanding of the World**, we will learn about the life cycle of the caterpillar and conduct an experiment using a balloon, baking soda, and vinegar. Sounds exciting!

Sounds like a busy, buzzing week ahead!



Learning the phonics sound 'ng' was so much fun! Did you know that you can find the sound in the words king and sing? We even created a king and sing craft!



It is important to warm-up before we do any exercises, this is exactly what we did on our Sports Day!

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.

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Our Partners in Responsibility

To help your children develop the habit of 'exercising, be their role models and ensure the following: Limit screen time, set a fixed time for exercise, provide a safe environment, and join them in outdoor walking activities.



The obstacle course was challenging, and we loved it!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 20th February - Trip to Al Shaqab Equestrian Club

We will travel to the Al Shaqab Equestrian Club for a fun day of activities as part of the Equestrian Season 2025 Championships.

Kindly return the permission slip and payment as soon as possible.



During the egg race we had to have excellent concentration and hand-and eye coordination.

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.