



# Reception Cocoa Tree Newsletter



Creating a toolbox for the oo-sound was so much fun! And we learnt a lot of new words with the oo-sound!



We had great fun conducting the experiment where the baking soda and vinegar blew up a balloon.

## Activities Covered:

Last week, we continued our animal topic and explored the world of creepy crawlers through the topic of **Minibeasts**. We learnt all the names of the different minibeasts and their different microhabitats.

In **Communication and Language**, we listened to the story "**Mad About Minibeast**". We discussed different minibeasts, talked about their features, and how they are different from others. This was interesting. Did you know that a micromini beast is super small?

In **Literacy**, we learnt the jolly phonics sounds 'oo' and 'OO'. Alongside their actions, we learnt the difference between the 2 sounds. Furthermore, we made crafts to help us remember them. Our new HFWs for last week were '**that**' and '**my**'. We also used those words in building new sentences.

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 **Physical Development**, we used our gross motors to combine different movements with ease and fluency through a minibeast-themed yoga session. We also used our fine motors to make minibeast prints in air-dry clay!

In **Mathematics**, we assessed for our term 2 reports. We used various concrete manipulatives to revise the concepts we had learnt.

On Thursday we went on a school trip to the Al Shaqab Equestrian Club to learn more about the Equestrian Season 2025 Championships. We even got to ride ponies!

We had another great week at school!

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will end our animal topics by exploring **day and night animals**. We will learn about the different types of animals that are active at night but not during the day, and discover their behaviours, habitats, and how they adapt to the dark.

In **Communication and Language**, we will read a story "**Day Monkey & Night Monkey**". We will discuss the story and retell it in our own words.

In **Physical Development**, we combine different movements with ease and fluency through a day and night-themed yoga session. We explored various poses inspired by animals and elements active during the day and night, learning how to transition smoothly between movements.

In **Literacy**, we will revise all the sounds and high-frequency words learnt and then be assessed for our term 2 reports.

In **Mathematics**, we learn the topic of subtraction through various practical exercises to help us compare numbers and practice subtracting, learning new vocabulary such as "more," "less," "take away," and "difference."

In **Understanding the World**, we will explore the different routines of humans and animals during the day and night, discovering how their activities change depending on the time of day.



**Did you know there are millions of minibeasts on the planet Earth? It was amazing to learn about different kinds of minibeasts!**



It was so amazing to see the horses going through the obstacle course. They are so strong!

### 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 '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.



We couldn't believe when one of the Angry birds came to play Lego with us! That was fun!

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day**

Join us in celebrating Red Nose Day at the Kindergarten from 9 am. Our focus for this year's event is "The Children in War".

Children are asked to come dressed in their carnival attire for a day of fun activities.

Don't forget to purchase a ticket for your child, their siblings, and other family members.



We loved all the games we played at the carnival!

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.