

Newsletter - 15th November 2019

Our News

The children all settled brilliantly back into their school routines after the two week break and the Ducklings are being very independent coming in and organizing themselves. It was lovely to talk to you all at our first parents' evenings of the year and to share with you your child's successes and next steps.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Daniel Miller for trying so hard in everything that he does and Darcie Little for being a 'brave' learner and trying lots of new challenges.
Harrison Way for being such a fantastic, confident speaker and Leonardo Swindells-Smith for his kindness to others.



STAR MATHEMATICIANS

Daniel Miller and Freddie Cook

STAR WRITERS

Alice Pilling and Alfie Stewart



Our Learning

We have found out how and why we celebrate Bonfire Night and used lots of creative techniques to create our own firework pictures. The children have loved making bonfires outside with leaves, branches and other natural items and inside with materials of their choosing such as crepe paper, cellophane and cardboard. Our cutting skills have also had some practice while we made fireworks trails by cutting strips of paper.

We have also been learning about Remembrance Day and why poppies are worn. It was very special to see Ruby's great grandad's medals. Thank you for sending them in.

This week we have enjoyed a visit from the Fire Brigade and the Police. The children have loved asking questions and listening to our visitors, as well as finding out about the special equipment that these people use to do their very important and helpful jobs.

They have been finding out about the different jobs that these people do.

We have also been finding out about fire safety and what to do in an emergency. Outdoors the children have loved pretending to be fire fighters.

Little Chicks

We have been...

- Learning the Jolly phonics songs and actions for the letters d and e
- Counting autumn objects and fireworks, matching to the correct numeral and comparing two numbers or quantities

Ducklings

We have been...

- Moving like different fireworks and practising throwing with different objects.
- Exploring which objects are natural or man-made
- In mathematics we have been identifying the names of 2D and 3D shapes and looking for real-life examples of them in our classroom and outside.
- Learning the letter names and their sounds for c, k, ck, e, u and r



Our Learning

We will continue with our topic of People Who Help Us, finding out more about the police and the other emergency services. We also hope to have another visit from an ambulance driver or paramedic this time.

We will help the waste management collectors to sort through the different materials and sort out the paper, plastic, cardboard, garden waste and recyclable metal waste. Our funky fingers will get stronger by rolling up the fire hoses (strips of paper!)

We will be using our knowledge and understanding of 2D and 3D shapes to help create our own repeating patterns and talk about other ways we can make patterns using colours, pictures, sounds, letters, numbers and shapes with our bodies.

We have also been learning the songs for our Nativity story 'What a star!' and reading through the story together. The children who have asked for speaking parts will be bringing their lines home very soon to practise saying loud and clear. We will also be sending home information regarding costumes very soon.

In our creative learning we will be reading a story called 'The Dot' and finding out that all children can be an artist. All that they have to do is make a mark on the page and see where it takes you. Later on in the week we will all be creating our very own 'Dot' pictures using media and materials of our own choosing.

Reminders

BLOG

Visit the school website and have a look at our class blog [with your child](#). This is another way for them to share with you what they have been learning at school. You could write a comment together!

Reading

Please can all [Ducklings](#) make sure that they have their reading books and reading records in school every day. A number of children are taking books home and then not returning them. Please send in any lost books that you find at home if they turn up. Many thanks.

We have lots of volunteer helpers in school and so want them all to read as much as they can.

Christmas Market

We will be making crafts for the school Christmas Market out of recyclable materials. Please send in clean, empty glass jars, ribbons and old or new wax crayons. Thank you.

Little Chicks and 2020/21 School Applications

Please remember to apply for your child's school place online at www.schooladmissions.lancashire.gov.uk by 15th January. You still need to apply, even if you have a brother or sister already at the school.

Physical Development in the Ducklings

A meeting for parents all about how and why teaching physical development is so important in The Wing - Wednesday 27th November 9-9.30am

Fairy Cake Friday- Friday 6th December

It will be Ducklings and Little Chicks turn to bring in fairy cakes to sell to our classes and other classes in school as a treat and to help raise money for our chosen school charities this year. Please send any homemade or shop bought cakes in on the morning of this day. Each cake will cost 20p to buy. Children can keep their money in the zip pocket of their school book bags and will be limited to buying one cake each. We have a number of children in our setting

with allergies so donations of dairy free and egg free cakes would be lovely too. Please label your cakes if they are free from these to make it easier for us. Many thanks.

Charlie Chick

The Little Chicks special toy has still not been returned. Please can everyone from Little Chicks have a good look at home for him, as the children are missing him.

Can you help?

Do you have a job whereby you help people? Nurse, paramedic, mechanic, police officer, dentist, optician and many more!

Would you be willing to spend 15 minutes or so to come in and visit the children and talk about your special job?

Usually the children just ask questions and so you don't even need to talk! Please contact your child's class teacher if this is the case. The children just adore having visitors in school and learn so much from it.



How can you help at home?

Little Chicks

Singing the Jolly phonics songs for the letters learnt so far a-f.

Find out what jobs people do at home and how they might help others.

Practise buttoning up or zipping up their own coats and putting on hats, gloves and scarves.

Ducklings

Talk for Mathematics

Go on shape hunt around the home or when out and about and look for 2D and 3D shapes.

Find a shape and talk about its features - how many sides does it have? How many corners or vertices? Count the number of flat faces or curved faces, and so on.

Use shape templates and draw a shape picture.

Make patterns with shapes, numbers, colours, letters, musical rhythm patterns using body percussion such as clap, clap, stamp and so on.

www.ictgames.com/numeracy

www.topmarks.co.uk

Talk for Reading and Writing

Find objects when you are at home and out and about that start with the sounds h, b, f and l.

Practise writing these letters in sand or with chalk

Look for these letters in books at home.

Listen for the new sounds at the beginning, middle and end of words. Look at how ll, ss and ff are usually found in the middle or at the end of words.

Practise reading and writing the phase 2 'tricky' words - I, go, no, to, the and into. Look for these tricky words in your reading books and books at home. Play the snakes and ladders games that have been sent home.

Watch Geraldine the Giraffe (+ the letter/sound) - phonics clips and watch and sing the Jolly Phonics songs on YouTube

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.ictgames.com/literacy

www.phonicsbloom.co.uk

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Talk for topic

Tell your grown ups at home what number to ring in an emergency and what to say.

Learn your address - house number and street name in case of an emergency.

Find out what jobs people do at home in your family and at work and how they might help others.
Find out some facts about a particular job. Think about what job you might like to do when you are a grown up.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 21st November ~ PTFA Film Night

22nd November ~ Non uniform Day for the Christmas Market (art day too) KS2 Bring a bottle, KS1 and Ducklings bring in chocolate.

27th November ~ Bag2School (please bring your bag of clothing to The Wing)

Friday 29th November ~ PTFA Pamper Night for adults only.

Thursday 5th December ~ Christmas Market 15:30-17:00

Week Beginning the 9th December ~

9th December at 14:00 ~ Little Chicks and Ducklings 1st performance

10th December at 09:30 ~ Little Chicks and Ducklings 2nd performance

10th December at 14:00 ~ Little Chicks and Ducklings 3rd performance

Wednesday 11th December 13:30-14:30 Jingle Jog at Rossall for KS2 children.

Sunday 15th December ~ Live Nativity with the Poulton Community from 14:00 within St Chad's School grounds. Please come and join in with this community festive activity ~Shepherds, Angels and Kings are most welcome. (dressing up is essential)

Monday 16th December ~ Open afternoon for classes to share their Fantastic Finish to their learning.
14:30 - 15:30

Wednesday 18th December ~ Christmas Lunch in school. All children are welcome to enjoy a school dinner. Please let the office know if you wish your child to have a cooked meal on this date if normally they have a packed lunch.

Wednesday 18th December ~ Candlelit Carol Service at Rossall Chapel. All families are welcome. 18:00-19:30

Thursday 19th December ~ Christmas Jumper Day with hopefully a very special visitor coming to school

Friday 20th December ~ finish for the Christmas Holidays at 15:30.

Our next newsletter will be on Friday 29th November and will give details about all the fun activities we have planned for the next two weeks.

Any questions please don't hesitate to ring, email or come and see us.

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