

Our News

The children all settled brilliantly back into their school routines after the two week break. It was lovely to talk to you all at our first parents' evening of the year and to share with you your child's successes and next steps. This week the Ducklings had their eye sight tests and a visit from the school nurse to talk to them all about hand washing hygiene.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Evie Elliott for applying her phonics so well and Carter Baxter for being a 'Challenge Champion!' Ella Bancroft for being a kind friend and Leonardo McComiskey for his love and enthusiasm for numbers.

Little Chicks

We have been...

- Finding out about Bonfire Night and Diwali, making bonfire pictures and fireworks patterns
- Finding out about Remembrance day and making poppies
- Listening to and joining in with the repeated refrains in different versions of the Three Little Pigs stories
- Drawing our favourite characters and their houses, showing control with a pencil
- Using collage materials to make straw, stick and brick houses and play dough pigs
- Recognising numbers and building a tower using that number of bricks

Ducklings

We have been...

- Finding out how and why we celebrate Bonfire night with our families
- Finding out who celebrates Diwali, how and why and also comparing Diwali with our own family's special times
- In our creative learning we have been selecting suitable materials and used different techniques to make bonfire and firework pictures, homes for the three little pigs and Diwali lamps
- In PE, moving like different fireworks and retelling the Three Little Pigs story through mime and movement
- Writing posters for how to stay safe on Bonfire night and 'WANTED' posters to help catch the Big bad wolf
- We investigated to find out if all materials would be easily blown over by the wolf
- In mathematics we have been finding 1 more and 1 less than a given number and ordering events in time



Our Learning

We will continue with our topic of fairytales and will read lots of different versions of Goldilocks and the three bears and Little Red Riding Hood. We will compare and contrast the different stories and join in with the repeated refrains, using these to retell the stories with puppets and role-play masks.

In mathematics we will be ordering bears, chairs, beds, bowls and spoons by size as well as exploring positional vocabulary to describe where the bears are. We will be making different sized junk model chairs and beds for the three bears.

At snack time we will help to make porridge and try out different healthy toppings, such as honey, banana and blueberries. Please see your child's class teacher if you have any concerns regarding allergies.

Reminders

Please can older siblings that come with their parents to collect and drop off brothers and sisters from Little Chicks please wait outside by the door, as the staff are finding that the classroom can become very congested at these peak times? Also, can we ask that older siblings refrain from playing with the equipment that is out and tidied away in the garden. Thank you.

Natural Materials

We need lots of sticks to make our decorations out of for the Christmas market. Please send in any that you manage to collect over the coming weeks. We also need different decorative ribbons too if you have any! Thanks.

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

Junk

Please send in any junk materials such as empty kitchen rolls, empty cardboard boxes and so on for us to make junk models with. A big thank you for all of the plastic bottles and baby wipe lids that you have sent in. We no longer need anymore. Thanks.

Bears

The Ducklings can all bring a bear to school with them next week to help them with their mathematics work. It would be best if it is not their favourite, but one that they can leave in school for the week until the work is completed. Thanks.

Head lice

We have had a few cases of head lice in the class. Please help to prevent this by making sure that all long hair is tied back for school and to check your child regularly. Treating with solution alone does not remove the eggs and only kills the lice. All the eggs need to be removed with thorough combing or they will hatch into lice too.

Little Chicks and 2019/20 School Applications

Please remember to apply for your child's school place online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools by 15th January 2019. 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 28th November 9-9.30am

Fairy Cake Friday- Friday 30th November

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 class enterprises. Please send in 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 two cakes maximum.



How can you help at home?

Little Chicks

Read some different versions of The Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Little Red Riding Hood stories. Try ordering objects according to their size.

Ducklings

Talk for Mathematics

Order objects from around the home in size order and use the different vocabulary to describe them - biggest, smallest, smaller, and larger

Do some baking or cooking together and measure the ingredients together

Fill different sized containers with water in the bath - which holds the most or least?

Hide your bear in different places around the home and describe where it is using different positional vocabulary, such as under, between, behind and so on

Practise recognising numbers to 20 and finding 1 more or less than a given number

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 c,k,e,u,r,h

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.

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

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

Read different versions of the Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Little Red Riding Hood stories together

Make porridge together and try a different healthy topping

Draw and write your own story and bring it in to show to the class

Try doing one of the activities on the home learning challenge sheets for Goldilocks and Little Red Riding Hood

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 20th November ~ Aladdin

Wednesday 28th November ~ Parents' Meeting about Physical Development 09:00-09.30 in The Wing

Friday 30th November ~ Non-Uniform day - bring in items for the Christmas Market

Friday 7th December ~ PTFA Christmas Market with Father Christmas and Elf Run

Monday 10th December ~ Little Chicks' and Ducklings' Christmas Production for families at 14:00

Tuesday 11th December ~ Little Chicks' and Ducklings' Christmas Production for families at 09:30

Tuesday 18th December ~ Candlelit Carol Service at Rossall from 18:00 for all our children and families to enjoy a magical evening. All welcome!

Wednesday 19th December ~ Christmas Jumper Day with Christmas Lunch served in school.

Our next newsletter will be on Friday 30th 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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