

Our News

Happy New Year and a big 'Welcome Back' to you all! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. The children certainly seem to have enjoyed themselves! All the staff would like to say a heartfelt 'Thank You' for all the lovely Christmas cards and gifts. They were very much appreciated.

We are incredibly impressed with how the children have settled back into their routines. Well done everyone! The Ducklings have had a visit from the school nurse this week. She came to talk to them all about healthy living and they had their height and weight checks.

The Little Chicks and Ducklings have fully immersed themselves in learning all about their new topic, 'Once Upon A time.' The Ducklings have also been introduced to the 'Rainbow Challenge,' whereby they have to try and independently achieve 7 challenge activities each week and collect a lolly stick for each colour of the rainbow. It is encouraging them to be independent in their learning, well done!



STARS OF THE WEEK



Isabella Johnston for being a kind and caring Duckling and Isabella Irvin for being a Challenge Champion!

Benjamin Fox for super writing and phonics and Myles Irving for his amazing enthusiasm for learning which has shown in his maths and writing.

Little Chicks

We have been...

- Reading different versions of the Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and The Princess and the Pea stories
- Dressing up as princesses, princes and knights
- Looking in the 'Magic Mirror' and saying the special words!
- Drawing who or what we can see in the mirror
- Listening to and matching rhyming words/pictures
- Comparing two groups of numbers and recognising how an amount stays the same even when you separate it into different groups

Ducklings

We have been...

- Reading, sequencing and retelling the Snow White and the seven dwarfs, The Princess and the Pea and The Paper Bag Princess stories
- Writing about what makes them special when they look in the 'magic' mirror and thinking of interesting words to describe a dragon
- Describing what princess bed covers, made out different materials, feel like and investigating how many mattresses it takes before they can no longer feel the pea
- Learning how to add by counting groups of objects altogether and then by counting on
- Investigating different ways to add to make 5 or 10
- In Phonics we have been learning the phonemes j, v, w, x, y and z and practising handwriting them cursively and blending to read words with them in



Our Learning

The Ducklings and Little Chicks interests have now led us to plan our learning about prince and princess stories with dragons in! We will start by reading Zog and then lots of other different dragon themed stories. We hope to give our writing and descriptions of dragons to a children's illustrator (and parent!) so that they can read our super describing words and create our very own class dragon for us! We will be making dragons, small and large scale using different techniques, tools and materials.

In mathematics the Ducklings will be exploring using money, naming the coins, using them to pay for different amounts and exploring different ways to make the same amount with different coins. The Little Chicks are going to be exploring and hunting for different shapes and using shapes to make pictures and patterns.

We will be investigating how to free a dragon from being frozen in ice and practise our physical skills by rolling balls at dragon themed skittle targets.

Following on from learning about dragons we will explore knights and castles.

We hope to have a special day to end our topic on Thursday 14th February, a Knights, princes and princesses day with lots of fun activities. The children will be able to come dressed up on this day, so we wanted to give you plenty of notice to get your costumes together!



Reminders

Reading

As well as reading regularly (every night if possible!) please practise the letter and sound flashcards to help your child to retain their phonics learning, also playing the tricky word games to help them learn these new words.

Puddle Suits and Wellies

Please make sure that Ducklings and Little Chicks all have their puddle suits and wellies returned to school?

Bags

Please can bags be checked regularly, especially in Little Chicks for letters? Thank you.

Ducklings' School Trip

We are hoping to have a trip to Clitheroe Castle on Friday 15th February, however at the present time school has not yet received enough voluntary contributions and it may be necessary for us to cancel trips unless the situation changes. Please refer to the letter emailed earlier last week regarding contributions. The amount for Ducklings and their trips for the year was £18.30. The children will be ever so disappointed if we have to cancel! Thank you for your help with this matter.

Junk materials

Please send in any junk materials such as cardboard boxes, tubes and yogurt pots and plastic lids for us to be creative with. Thanks.

How can you help at home?

Little Chicks

Look for different shapes around the home and when out and about

Share some dragon themed stories together

Play a rhyming game together

Ducklings

Talk for Mathematics

Make a little shop at home with fruit, books or toys. Give different prices. Add up and find the cost of two items altogether

Find out how much change the toy shopkeeper would give you if you had 10p and bought one of the toys

Practise making a particular amount, for e.g. 10p using different combinations of coins

Look in a piggy bank, purse or wallet. Can they name the coins? Can they sort the coins by size, colour, value, shape?

www.ictgames.com/numeracy

www.topmarks.co.uk

Talk for Reading and Writing

Practise any letters/sounds and tricky words that you are still unsure of
Write sentences with the tricky words in or look for them in your reading books
Read some dragon/knight themed stories together
Draw and label your own dragon or castle
Make a list of what a knight might need

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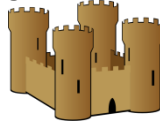
www.ictgames.com/literacy

www.phonicsbloom.co.uk

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Talk for topic

Create a junk model castle
Make your own knight's shield, helmet or sword
Complete some of the activities on the home learning challenge (that will be sent home later this week)
Find out more about castles with a grown-up by using a non-fiction book or the internet



Dates for your diary:

Mathematics in the Ducklings' Class

Friday 8th February 9 - 9.30am in The Wing

Come and have a coffee and find out about the mathematics that your child is learning in school.

Thursday 14th February - Knights, Princes and Princesses day for Ducklings and Little Chicks

Friday 15th February - Ducklings' proposed trip to Clitheroe Castle - all day

School closes at 3.30pm for Half-Term

Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th February - Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm

Our next newsletter will be on Friday 1st February 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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