

Newsletter - 19th October 2018

Our News

A very big, 'Thank you!' for all of the generous donations of food sent in, to help us celebrate harvest, but also to help people who are in need.

We hope that you enjoyed the open afternoon today and thank you for coming!



STARS OF THE WEEK



Abigail Nichol for being an all-round super star Duckling! Emily Hall for starting school with super confidence and Eve Armer for completing lots of challenges.

Little Chicks

We have been...

- Listening to and identifying sounds such as birds singing or an alarm ringing.
- Joining in singing familiar rhymes and songs.
- Sorting different objects according to their colour, size and shape.
- Counting out small amounts such as 1,2,3.
- Reciting numbers in sequences
- Exploring using prepositions or positional vocabulary, such as behind and opposite

Ducklings

We have been enjoying reading lots of different versions of The Little Red Hen and the children have been able to compare and contrast them well. They have loved using puppets and masks to retell the story with their friends using the familiar story language.

We have been comparing different sized harvest fruits and vegetables and ordering them by their size and weight. The children have enjoyed investigating rolling conkers, scooping pumpkins and mixing different colours to paint autumn trees.



Our Learning

After half-term we will be learning about Bonfire Night, Diwali and Remembrance Day. We will talk about who celebrates these special occasions, how and why.

As a treat, in snack, we want to make 'sparkler' snacks. These will be using bread sticks, chocolate and sprinkles.

Please see your child's class teacher or key worker if you have any concerns about the ingredients.

We will then start a new topic about traditional tales, starting with reading The Three Little pigs. Please send in any different versions of this story that you might have at home for us to share.

The children will learn and join in with the repetitive vocabulary in the story and anticipate the main events.

We will continue with our work on more, less and the same in maths and counting objects and matching to the correct numeral. We will also look at counting forwards and backwards and writing each number. We will investigate the best material to build a house for the three little pigs out of and explore how our huff and puff can move materials!

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

Over the holidays, please could you collect fir cones, twigs and branches to send in, ready for us to make Christmas decorations with? We are also in need of any scraps or rolls of ribbon of assorted colours.

Grapes

Please can we ask that all grapes that are sent in for children's snack are cut in half lengthways, to help prevent choking.

Cable Reels

We use these large reels as tables and stools for our outdoor learning and some need replacing. Does anyone have an electrical business or know of where we could get some from? Many thanks.

Joggers

Please can all of the Ducklings send in a pair of jogging bottoms when they return their PE kits to school, as we will be doing more outdoor PE and the weather is getting cooler. They can be any colour and something that you don't mind getting mucky!

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.

Being Independent

Lots of the Ducklings are now coming into school by themselves, well done! We would like to encourage the children to do as much for themselves as they can. Independent children are independent learners. Let them do as much for themselves as they can and we can help them where they need it, for e.g. take their coats off by themselves, empty their own book bags and so on.

How can you help at home?

Little Chicks

Ask your child to count out the number of knives, forks and spoons that you need to set the table at meal times or the number of apples, bananas, tomatoes, etc that you require at the supermarket.

Read some different versions of The Three Little Pigs story.

Ducklings

Keep practising getting dressed and undressed - doing up and undoing buttons, zips and the hook and eye catches on trousers, even ties if you are up for a challenge

Talk for Mathematics

Practise counting forwards and backwards to 10, then 20.

Look for the numbers 0-20 whilst out and about.

What number comes next? " 11, 12, 13, ?"

Ask a grown up to use a puppet and to count, but make a mistake! Can you spot their mistake?

Collect two handfuls for e.g. of smarties or Lego bricks. Count each handful. Which is more? Less? Greater? Fewer?

Go on a shape hunt at home and when you are out and about!

Put 4 or 5 different numbers in order.

Practise comparing fruit and vegetables at home - which is the heaviest? Lightest?

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Talk for Reading and Writing

Find objects when you are at home and out and about that start with the sounds s, a, t, p, i, n, m and d.

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.

Have a go at being Metal Mike! Sound talk words e.g. Can you touch your l-e-g?

Make your own holiday scrap book and bring it in to share with us

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

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Talk for topic

Talk about how to keep safe in the dark.

Talk about Bonfire Night Safety.

Draw and write about how you celebrated Halloween or Bonfire Night.

Look at what you can see in the dark night sky.

Make a little half-term holiday scrapbook of what you have been up to and bring it in to show us all after the holidays.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 8th November ~ PTFA Fashion Show 18:00-20:00. This evening is for adults only with details to come soon.

Monday 12th November ~ Parents' Evening 16:00-19:30

Tuesday 13th November ~ Parents' Evening 16:00-19:30

Tuesday 13th November ~ Eye Tests for Reception children 09:00

Tuesday 20th November ~ Aladdin

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 16th 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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