

Newsletter - 2nd March 2020

Our News

Thank you for all of your donations to the VICTA charity. The children found it fascinating on our visual awareness day to find out what it must be like to have a visual impairment.

Parents evenings are to be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings this week, just Tuesday evening for Little Chicks. Thank you to those of you who have signed up. Please see your child's class teacher or keyworker if you have not already done so.

Currently Miss Hutchinson is needed to support another pupil in school at the start of each morning, so for the foreseeable future the Ducklings children will enter school through just one door in the mornings. Please pass on any information that may be important to Miss Watmough or come in and speak to either class teacher.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Ollie Hanson-Brazil for his super enthusiasm towards his learning, especially his phonics and Alice Deaville for trying really hard to improve her letter formation.

Abigail Hardwick for her superb understanding of how to stay safe and Hunter Bowers for his amazing attitude in improving his writing.



STAR MATHEMATICIANS



Erin Armer and Zachary Stuttart

STAR WRITERS

Ollie Hanson-Brazil and Harrison Way

Our Learning

We have been...

- Finding out about who celebrates Shrove Tuesday and why
- Making pancakes and trying the taste of different healthy toppings
- Taking part in pancake races
- Reading and listening to the stories - The Giant Pancake and Mr Wolf's Pancakes

Little Chicks have been using their pencil control to draw around pancakes and a pancake pan, learning the Jolly Phonics songs for the letters o and p, retelling The Enormous Pancake story, joining in with the repetitive phrases and ordering pancakes according to their size.

Ducklings have been retelling the stories of Mr Wolf's Pancakes and The Runaway Pancake, writing their holiday news in their new news writing books, writing shopping lists of what is needed to make pancakes, writing their own Runaway pancake stories, learning the digraphs - ar, or and ur, using real objects to make their own subtraction stories and learning to write the number sentences.



What we will be learning next

After finding out about very cold places in the world before half-term, the children have now shown an interest in wanting to find out about warmer places, so we shall be visiting Africa on safari!

Over the coming weeks we shall be reading the story of Handa's Surprise and finding out more about life and the weather in Africa from information books.

We will be drawing and printing tropical fruits (like the ones in Handa's basket) using different media, tools and techniques. We will be retelling and sequencing the main events from the story and writing our own Handa's surprise stories.

We will be investigating different fruits using our senses and tasting some of them during our snack times. Please see your child's class teacher if you have any concerns regarding allergies.

It is World Book Day on Thursday so all week we will be doing lots of fun reading activities to help promote the importance of reading. Please can every child bring in their favourite book (fiction or non-fiction) and leave in school for the week for us to read, share with the class and discuss with them? Many thanks. The Year 5 and 6 children are also looking forward to coming down to read with the children too.

Little Chicks are going to continue with their size ordering in mathematics and the Ducklings will be looking at how they can count backwards and use a number line to help them take-away.

Little Chicks will be learning the Jolly Phonics songs for q and r and the Ducklings will be learning the phonemes ow, oi, ear, air, ure and er.

We will enjoy setting up and playing in our safari role play area and constructing mud huts. We will also see who can balance a basket of fruit on their heads and travel just like Handa in the story!



Reminders

All About Me Booklets

A big thank you to those of you who have returned these to school already. It is really important for you the parents and carers to help us to see a full picture of your child, their interests and their abilities so that we can add this information to their Early Years Profile. Please send in any outstanding booklets to school as soon as possible.

Ducklings and 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. The phase 3 phonemes that we are currently learning play a vital part in being able to read and write more confidently and with increasing independence. Simply practising them very regularly is the best way to consolidate them.

Milk

Please be aware that during the term that your child turns 5 that you will need to pay for their milk and they will no longer get it free of charge. Children who are still 4, will be able to get it for free, but you still need to register them for it on the website. We have noticed that a number of children are saying that they don't want their milk, so it might be best to check this with your child and amend as necessary.

Favourite Book/Music

To help us to celebrate World Book Day, please send your child's favourite book in with them to school for the week.

In music the Ducklings are also going to be listening to each other's favourite songs next week. Please have a chat with your child at home and if they have a favourite song, please make a note of it in their Reading Journals. Many thanks.

Fairy Cake Friday

Fairy Cake Friday has started up again and the Ducklings and Little Chicks day for bringing in cakes to sell is Friday 3rd April.

How can you help at home?

Little Chicks

Go to the library and look for other stories set in Africa or about safari animals.
Order objects according to their size.

Sing the Jolly Phonics songs together and look for these letters and objects beginning with these letters when out and about.

Ducklings

Talk for Mathematics

Practise counting backwards from a given number.

Practise counting out a group of objects and then count back as you take them away one at a time.

Practise saying 1 less than a given number.

Say a number story and ask the children to record the number sentence and the answer, for e.g. 6 cars in a car park. 2 drive away. How many are left? $6-2=4$.

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.

Practise writing the new sounds as we learn them and making sure that we use our cursive handwriting all of the time.

Practise writing words with our new sounds in such as car, fork and turn. Try writing sentences with these words in, for e.g. My mum drives the car. I eat with a fork.

Play the tricky words snakes and ladders games.

Bring in your favourite book for World Book Day. Talk about why it is your favourite book.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.ictgames.com/literacy

www.phonicsbloom.co.uk

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Talk for topic

Look on the school BLOG together and talk about what we have been learning this half-term.

Go to the library and look for other stories set in Africa or about safari animals. Bring them in to school to share.

Research facts about Africa with a grown up.

Talk with a grown up about your favourite song and why it is your favourite.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 3rd March and Thursday 5th March ~ Parents' Evenings 4-7pm

Plastic collection at Cleveleys' beach. Date to be confirmed soon.

Friday 20th March ~ PTFA Mother's Day afternoon. (details will follow)

Friday 3rd April ~ Non-uniform day £1.00 to PTFA. (Easter Fun)



A few Summer Dates to put in your diary:

Thursday 23rd April ~ PTFA Disco

Saturday 25th April ~ CGGG drop-in morning.

Friday 8th May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 19th May ~ PTFA Film Night

Tuesday 2nd June ~ Sports' Day with reserve on Thursday 4th June.

Saturday 6th June ~ CGGG drop-in morning

Saturday 27th June ~ PTFA Summer Fair

Our next newsletter will be on Friday 13th March 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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