

Newsletter - 21st May 2021

Our News

The Ducklings and Little Chicks have had another fun filled fortnight of fun and learning with our pirate themed topic. They had a lovely picnic lunch yesterday, albeit in the hall, due to the typical British weather!

Today they have thoroughly enjoyed the visit by Mrs Wilson, a marine biologist, who came to talk to them all about different, local sea creatures. They even got to see and handle some real crabs!! A fantastic end to the week. Look on the blog for more information.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Grayson Brownlie and Thomas Taylor from Yellow Ducklings

Dylan Gray and Jude Rolley from Brown Ducklings

Our Learning

The children have loved reading lots of different stories about pirates and used these as a stimulus to write for different purposes such as a day in the life of a pirate, writing messages to put in bottles, making WANTED posters and much, much more!

In mathematics Little Chicks have been looking for numbers around the environment and sorting objects according to their size or length. The Ducklings have been finding ordering numbers and then exploring different ways to make a particular number, by adding two numbers together - number bonds.

In the creative area the children have enjoyed creating their own pirate flags and eye patches, using a variety of tools and materials safely.

In the investigation area they have helped Marissa the Mermaid. She had lost some of her scales and needed to find a waterproof material to keep her tail dry until the new scales grew back. The children were able to discover which materials would make the best waterproof tail by testing out their ideas.

Outside the children have enjoyed completing treasure hunts finding the number clues and investigating if the pirate boats they have made can float and carry pirate passengers!



What we will be learning next

Over the next week we will be bringing our sea themed topic to a close by finding out what the seaside was like in the past compared with today. We will look at different places and features that you might find at the seaside and will be learning all about different types of sea transport.

When we return from our half-term holiday, we will begin a new colour themed topic. This will focus on feelings and emotions and preparing for transition and change, as well as exploring mixing colours creatively.

As part of their PSED and Physical Development, the Ducklings will be using some of their PE time to complete the Stage 1 Lancashire road safety programme. We complete this in small groups over a number of weeks. We do this just a very short distance away from school. You have all completed a permission slip regarding this at the start of the year with your induction packs. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask your child's class teacher.

Reminders

BLOG

Have a look together at the blog on the school website to find out more about learning in school each day. A homework activity could be to think of a comment together and for the grown up to add it for you!

Reading Books and Reading Records

It is very important that you try and listen to your child read every day and sign and comment in the reading record. Reading books need to be returned to school every day as we need to use the reading records for our reading with them in school. Thank you for your support with this. The Oxford Owl reading books are still available for additional reading online too.

Names in Uniform

Please can all items of uniform be named. It is the time of year when the children start to take their jumpers and cardigans off and we want to ensure that all belongings are returned home to you at the end of the day!

Sunhats and sun cream

Children might need to start bringing in sunhats and sun cream as the weather continues to warm up. Please make sure that names are all belongings that are sent into school. It is a good idea for sun cream to be applied before coming to school and then to show your child how to apply small amounts of sun cream themselves, should they need to top up later in the day.

Education City

Each week there are activities that can be completed at home on the Education City homework section.

How can you help at home?

Little Chicks

Find objects beginning with t and u when out and about or around the home.
Practise doing some dot-to-dot activities and saying the numbers in order.

Ducklings

Talk for Mathematics

Make some number cards 1-20. Shuffle them. Pick 4 or 5 random numbers and see if you can put them in ascending order or descending order.

Play the number ordering games on Topmarks <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/caterpillar-ordering>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/coconut-ordering>

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/countingCaterpillar/index.html>

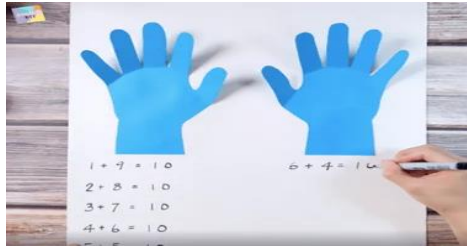
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/chinese-dragon-ordering>

Put magnetic numbers in order.

Chalk numbers in order on the garden patio/path.

Get 10 small objects for e.g. green and black grapes. Explore different ways to make 10 using the two groups. Using building blocks or Lego, build towers of ten in different ways using one or two colours. Say the pairs of numbers that you have found to make 10make 10.

Make a counting hand to help you explore making 10 (number bonds) in lots of different ways. Write the addition sums.



www.ictgames.com/numeracy
www.topmarks.co.uk

Talk for Reading and Writing

Read your reading book each day. Read additional books on Oxford Owl when you can.

Get a grown up to ask you some how or why questions about your book. Retell the book in your own words.

Practise the phonics flashcards and tricky word games. Practise writing all of the tricky words.

Complete the phonics activities on Education City.

Practise writing longer words that a grown up tells you with two or more syllables - such as lunchbox, desktop, shampoo, handstand, giftbox, melting, sandpit.

Look for longer words in your reading books and in books at home.

Try writing some simple sentences with these words in.

Practise your letter formation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCI2wudcW3M>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NQ6uS8blwY>

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 all about Mrs Wilson's visit today and what you have learnt about the crabs.

Ask your grandparents what Blackpool or other seaside towns were like in the past.

Visit the sea front in Blackpool, Cleveleys, Bispham, St Annes or Fleetwood and look at the different features that you can see at the seaside - What are the different features called? Sand dunes, funfair, beach, shore, sea, cliff, promenade, pier and so on.



Dates for your diary:

Friday 28th May - Break up for half-term

4th, 5th and 6th June ~ Bowness to Carleton Staff Sponsored Walk for Pancreatic Cancer

Thursday 10th June - Return to school

Week Beginning 5th July ~ Healthy Living Week. PE Kits will be needed.

Our next newsletter will be on Friday 18th June 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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