



Our News

Everyone is settled during the day and is joining in with all the activities on offer. We are encouraging the children to learn in as many different areas as they can and to try learning somewhere new! Every day we do lots of learning outside. Please remember to send in your child's wellies, waterproofs or puddle suits to enable them to make the most of the outdoors especially as the weather begins to change!

We have been continuing to introduce the children to routines and our behaviour expectations. They are quickly learning to recognise what to do when they hear the 'tidy up' music or stopping when the teacher counts down from three! We have introduced the children to their Carleton Code Passports where they collect rewards for different examples of positive behaviour. Some children have already gained some rewards. Ask them to show you their passports when you are next in school! The children are also able to earn house points for their different coloured teams.

They have painted amazing portraits of themselves and have begun to create portraits in the style of our class artist Picasso. We have enjoyed reading the story, 'If you're happy and you know it.' This has led us to play lots of different feelings games to get to know each other better and helped us to understand that there are lots of different feelings and how we can deal with them.

In Phonics we have been listening carefully to sounds around us, making different sounds and playing 'I spy,' listening carefully to the first sounds of objects around us or the first sounds of our names.

In mathematics we have enjoyed singing lots of counting rhymes and have been counting all sorts of things. We have talked about counting objects carefully and slowly, so as to be accurate.

Our Learning

In Literacy and phonics Metal Mike will come to visit and we will pretend to be robots, listening to the sounds in words, by breaking them up into the letter sounds; for example cat becomes "c - a - t." Why not see if they can show you how to do it at home?

We will also be learning the first 6 sounds in the Letters and Sounds program. These are S A T P I N. We learn the sounds and then the names and for those of us who know them already we are learning how to write them correctly and to find words beginning with those letters and make new words putting those sounds together.

Together we will read a non-fiction book called 'All About ME!' We will explore why our bodies are so amazing!

In our creative learning we will learn some songs about our bodies and create dances to the 'Funny Bones' music.

We will be meeting the characters in our reading scheme books, ready for when we bring our reading books home.

In mathematics we will continue with our counting skills and finding out how similar and different we are by exploring eye and hair colour in our classes and comparing and measuring height and foot size.



STARS OF THE WEEK



All of the Ducklings for settling into school life so well! We are all very proud of you!



Reminders/Needed:

Our Families Wall - We would love to celebrate and share all of our families together by having a family photograph wall in our own home corner. It would be lovely if each child could bring in a small (6x4, 5x7 sized) framed or unframed photo of them with their family. More than one photo is very welcome, if needed, from both sides of the family. We will return them when we have copied them for our displays. Many thanks!

Wellies and Puddle Suits- If you haven't yet sent in a pair of wellies for your child or a puddle suit, please can you do so as soon as possible? The children learn outdoors every day and in all weathers!

Spare socks and underwear - Please can every child have a spare of each in their book bags. This will help us especially when the weather is wet!

Blog - Look on the school website and the Ducklings' class page to see what we have been learning about in school. You could look together with your child and even leave a comment!

'We are reading!' - 'Ducklings are everywhere readers' is our motto. It would be really lovely if you could send in or email photographs of your child reading for our display, photographs of them reading everywhere, for e.g. a sign in the supermarket or a poster at the zoo. A big thank you to those who have already sent in some photos.

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Play Area - Please can we ask children not to play on the school play area before and after school, thank you.

How can you help at home?

Practise zipping or buttoning up your coats at home

Talk for Numbers

Look for numbers all around, especially in your homes and streets; in books and magazines, telephone buttons, door numbers, road signs etc.

Find out where numbers are used and why?

Show them a number. Can they say the number then count out that many pegs, cars, socks, etc?

Count how many people in your family have for e.g. blue eyes or black hair.

Count how many people are in your family.

Talk for Reading and writing

When you are sharing a story together find the title and author and show the children where you are starting to read on the page.

Talk about the pictures together.

Can you read a non-fiction book together too?

Learn the names of the characters from Oxford Reading Tree - Kipper, Biff, Chip, Mum, Dad and Floppy. We will send some pictures home for you.

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

Play I spy.

Have a go at being Metal Mike! Sound talk a word, for e.g. get your **b-a-g**, nod your **h-ea-d!**

Play - 'Whose name begins with a 'm?' What does daddy begin with?

Talk for Topic - Ourselves

Sing Heads, shoulders, knees and toes!

If you're happy and you know it! Ask them to teach you our new songs, 'I've got a body' and 'Clap your hands and wiggle your fingers!'



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 3rd October - Talk about Phonics, Reading and Writing for Ducklings' Parents in The Wing (at the front of school) 9.00-9.45am

Wednesday 26th September - PTFA Treasure Hunt

Thursday 18th October - Halloween Family Event

Friday 19th October - Open Afternoon from 2pm Family/friends are invited to share in their child's learning

School closes for half-term - Friday 19th October at 3.30pm

Monday 5th November - School re-opens