

Newsletter - 22nd October 2021

Our News

Well done to all of the Ducklings and Little Chicks for an amazing half-term at school! They have all settled brilliantly. It was lovely to share how they have settled in, talk about their achievements so far and their next steps of learning at the parents' meetings this week. Thank you for your on-going support.

The last few weeks have been spent exploring the celebration of harvest time and the changing of the seasons into autumn. The children have enjoyed going on autumn welly walks and looking at the changes that are happening to the world around them. They have loved collecting natural autumn treasures and using their senses to describe them. They have found out about how some animals hibernate or migrate in autumn to prepare for the cold winter months. The children have learnt some lovely harvest and autumn songs. Ask them to sing and sign them for you! They have found out more about where their foods come from and what they are thankful for. This week they have been very lucky to have a look in our school garden at of the different vegetables growing.

They have been printing with vegetables to make Halloween pumpkin pictures and printing with their hands and fingers to make the different colours on autumn trees.

The children have enjoyed reading the traditional tale of The Enormous Turnip and know it so well now that they can join in with the story telling too. Ask them to retell the story to you in their own words.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Frankie and Vinnie from Yellow Ducklings
Jenson and Oscar from Brown Ducklings

Little Chicks

We have been...

- Tracing around 2D shapes and naming them.
- Drawing around leaf and autumn shape templates.
- Finding out about number 4.
- Counting and sorting leaves up to 5.
- Playing rhyming games.

Ducklings

We have been...

- Writing harvest fruit and vegetable shopping lists.
- Drawing and writing descriptive labels for natural autumn objects.
- Continuing patterns, spotting mistakes in patterns and creating our own patterns involving colours, shapes, numbers, sounds and so on.
- Exploring and investigating 1,2,3! Subitising with these amounts, counting, comparing, finding 1 more and 1 less and exploring different ways to make these amounts in different ways.
- Learning the letter names, their sounds, how to write them and read words with the letters o, c, k, ck, e, u and r in.



Our Learning

After half-term our first learning theme will be Nursery Rhymes. We will also find out about Remembrance Day and how and why it is remembered and special. We will read about our Nativity - The Nursery Rhyme Nativity and use the familiar nursery rhyme tunes to help us learn the songs.

We will play lots of different rhyming games and the Ducklings will start to write simple rhyming word pairs. In mathematics the children will learn to use positional vocabulary to describe where the nursery rhyme characters are. The Ducklings will explore the numbers 4 and 5 and learn to subitise with these numbers, accurately count collections of these numbers and compare amounts.

The Ducklings will be learning about the letters h, b, f and ff in phonics as well as learning to read simple words and captions with all of the letters that they have learnt so far in including the tricky words.

Reminders

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.

Spare Clothes

Please can any clothes that have been borrowed be returned to school and a change of spare socks/tights and underwear be placed in school bags in preparation for changes in the weather or if your child is prone to having 'accidents.' If you place them within a plastic bag, this will help us to return any mucky clothes to you too. Thank you.

WOW! Certificates

Thank you for all of the lovely Wow! Moment certificates that we have received this half-term. Just ask your child's class teacher if you need anymore.

Ducklings and reading

Please try to read every day at home. This could take the form of reading the school reading book or other books together at home. It could also be practising the letter/sound cards that are sent home and using them to make and read simple words. This regular practise is crucial for your child's development in literacy. **Reading records need to be in school each day please!**

Puddlesuits and Wellies

There are a number of children still without a puddlesuit or wellies. Please can each child have them both in school to enable them to learn outside in all weathers appropriately? Many thanks. As the weather gets a little colder, please make sure that hats and gloves are clearly named.

Nursery Rhymes or Rhyming stories

Send in any rhyming stories or nursery rhyme books for us to share with the class. Thank you.

How can you help at home?

Little Chicks

Talk about special celebrations in your homes - Talk about how you celebrate special days such as Halloween, Bonfire Night and birthdays.

Look for the numbers 1-5 in the world around you.

Talk about your favourite nursery rhymes together at home.

Ducklings

Don't forget to use the activities on Education City to support your home learning too.

Talk for Mathematics

Look for patterns at home and when you are out and about.

Explore making patterns with any household objects, toys or natural materials.

Make a pattern with an error in for the children to correct and continue the pattern correctly.

Make some action patterns with your body or make sound patterns for your family to copy! Can they guess what would come next?

Explore looking for the numbers 1, 2 and 3 when you are out and about.

Watch the Numberblocks programmes on CBeebies - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/b08bzfnh>

Explore subitising with 1,2 and 3. This is when you can look at a group of objects and realise how many there are without counting.

www.ictgames.com/numeracy

www.topmarks.co.uk

Talk for Reading and Writing

Use the letter and sounds cards sent home to practise reading simple words and making words with these letters.

Practise writing these letters in sand, with chalk on the path or in the mud with a stick!

Look for these letters in books at home.

Chalk a hopscotch outside with all of the sounds or tricky words you are learning in.

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?

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

Or watch the letter and sound videos for each letter of the alphabet for e.g. The letter e -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beaUUPPUT2Y>

Re-tell The Enormous Turnip story to your family using the repetitive story language. Can you remember in which order the characters helped in the story?

Draw and write your own Enormous Turnip story.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.phonicsbloom.co.uk

www.ictgames.com/literacy

Talk for topic

Play some rhyming games together.

Can you orally carry on a rhyming string? "Peg, leg, beg, Meg." They can be real or nonsense words.

Sing your favourite nursery rhymes together and think of some actions.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 8th November - School re-opens

Friday 26th November - Ducklings and Little Chicks Fairy Cake Friday. Bring in shop bought cakes (complete with ingredients/contents list) to sell.

Friday 26th November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations with School Nurses

Our next newsletter will be on Friday 19th 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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