

Newsletter - 23rd July 2021

Our News

It has been lovely to finish the year with nearly everybody back in school. Even though it has been another challenging year for pupils, parents and teachers the children have amazed us all once again with their resilience and positive attitude towards their learning. They have all still achieved their full potential and more! We are so proud of every single one of them. Well done!

The transition to Ducklings and the Year 1 classes has once again been a little bit different but nevertheless has been a gradual, happy and successful one. The children have all had chance to see where their new classrooms are and see their new teachers from a distance. The Ducklings teachers have enjoyed a story each day with the Little Chicks to get to know them a little bit more. The Little Chicks have been confident to chat to us and tell us all about themselves. We can't wait to welcome you back in September for a fun year ahead.



WE HAVE FINISHED OUR FIRST YEAR AT SCHOOL!!

Can you believe how quickly the time has flown?

We have all made new friends, learned lots of new things and grown up in so many different ways.

It was lovely to talk to so many of you about your child's achievements throughout the year at our parents' meetings and to have your welcomed support during our times of learning from home. Thank you.

We are all very proud of each and every one of them, as we know you are too.

WE'RE MOVING ON!

Today has been both a sad and happy one but we are all ready to move on to our next set of challenges. The Ducklings' children to Year One and the Little Chicks' children into our Ducklings classes and other settings. After having such a lovely year it is sad for it all to end too!

May we take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support this year. Everything you do at home impacts on our progress in class, so your input has been most valuable! Before we sign off for the final time, please accept our heartfelt thanks for all of the generous messages, cards and gifts. We are blown away by your kindness...thank you!

All the staff in the Ducklings and Little Chicks would like to wish you all a relaxing, hot (or at least warm and dry) holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in September safe and well!

Good luck to all of those children who may be moving to a new school or setting!



STARS OF THE YEAR



Tomas Gois and Drey Palin for giving 100% to every aspect of the Carleton Code every day of the school year.

OUR CARLETON CODE STARS

Confident in their own Ability - Matthew Atkinson and Ayrton McComiskey

Achieving their full potential - Rupert Williams and Alfie Cobb

Responsible and Reliable - Jimmy Nichol and Lexi Hayes

Life-long Learner - Joshua Connell and Jack Watson

Energetic and Healthy - Theo Minns and Lucie Goulding

Trustworthy - Cole Skellington and Kennedy Binks

Organised - Jessica Dean and Luciana Swindells-Smith

Nurturing - Darcy Davy and Jude Rolley

REMINDERS

Reading Books

Reading Books will be collected in, changed and passed up ready for their new teacher. Please continue to read over the holidays. Read library books, comics and magazines, signs and posters together. Pop in to your local library and try the summer reading challenge. Use Oxford Owl to read for fun each week.

Wellingtons and Puddle Suits

Any donations of outgrown wellingtons and puddle suits would be most gratefully received.

Thank you.

DATES

School starts

Wednesday 1st September

Doors open 8.55am

PLEASE BE ON TIME AND BE ORGANISED!!

It really makes a difference to your child's learning.



Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 1st September

Two time slots: 4pm and 5pm in your child's new classroom with their teacher.

Our Learning...

Here are some ideas to try over the holidays. It is not an exhaustive list by any means but hopefully it will give you some ideas of things to help. It will also be beneficial to your child find settling back into learning in September much easier. Six weeks is a very long time in a child's life and although we want you to have fun and enjoy yourself it is also important to keep their brains working over the holidays and continue their love of learning so why not:

- Read a story together.
- Listen to them read a story.
- Read in front of them; whatever you enjoy.
- Show them your writing for different purposes; postcards, letters, lists, notes.
- Write notes to each other.
- Act out a story or event.
- Make a puppet show.
- Visit a museum - many have some excellent FREE children's activities.
- Go to the Library - join in the summer reading challenge
- Keep a holiday diary- collect leaflets, take pictures, and write diary entries, headings for pages, captions for pictures.
- Send a postcard.
- Write a letter.
- Look at a globe, atlas, and map and plot your next journey, adventure, and holiday.
- Play "I spy"
- Play spot the numbers, letters on car number plates; add them together, make up words with the letters, make silly sentences with each letter from the plate.
- Make a den.
- Make and share a picnic together.
- Have a teddy bear's picnic.
- Play hunt the; letter, number, animal, shape, dinosaur. Sort them, make words, add them, and make up stories about them.
- Take them to the shop and spend some money (not too much!); let them pay and take the change.
- Write in the sand.
- Make play dough and make letters, numbers and words.
- Bake cakes, biscuits etc. - look at changes, weigh and measure ingredients, follow instructions, count and share out mixture.
- Collect containers to fill and empty in the bath or paddling pool.
- Grow plants and care for them.

- Go on a mini beast hunt.
- Spot birds in the garden
- Spot the sound - signs, menus, magazines, papers, out and about.
- How many can you find? - with a pen and a timer find as many 's' or the phoneme 'oa,' etc on a page as you can. Race with the grown up!
- Draw the letter in the sand or soil with a stick.
- Chalk it on a wall, drive, patio and then wash it off with water following the shape.
- Squirt water on the wall or floor outside in the shape of different letters.
- Make a target and shoot the sound with a water pistol or throw a ball to hit it.
- Find the sound - hide the sound around the room, house garden. Shout out a letter and run to it, play music and when it stops find the letter.
- Bury letters in the sand, soil, bubble bath and find them - say the sound to keep them.
- Sing nursery rhymes.
- Listen to the Jolly Phonics songs - YouTube and the 'Tricky Words' phase 2, 3 and 4 songs.
- Hide letters around the house or garden -find as many as you can, make words or group sounds together.
- Make up silly sentences all beginning with the same sound.
- Play "Robbie Robot" splitting up words in a robot voice to hear the sounds.
- Find foods, countries, dinosaurs, animals, objects that match the sound. Sort them, find them, hunt them, eat them, draw them, cut them out and make a collage of them.
- Make snap, pair cards with letters and words-play games together.
- Watch Alphablocks.
- Play games on the computer - www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies, www.ictgames.com/literacy, www.phonicsplay.com and www.phonicsbloom.co.uk

THANK
YOU!

Regards,



All the EYFS Staff

