

Newsletter - 23rd September 2022

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 5th October ~ Talk about Phonics, Reading and Writing for Ducklings' Parents in the school hall
09:00-09.45

Friday 14th October ~ Tree Day (wear Green)

Monday 17th October ~ Parents' Evening online appointments. (16:00-19:00)

Tuesday 18th October ~ Parents' Evening online appointments. (16:00-19:00)

~Open Afternoon for Ducklings and Little Chicks parents and carers, in their
classroom 14:30-15:30

Friday 21st October ~ PTFA Pumpkin Day (non-Uniform but no Halloween costumes)

Friday 21st October ~ Break up for Half term two-week break.

Monday 7th November ~ Back at school

Friday 2nd December ~ PTFA Christmas Market & Christmas Carols. Children can come in Christmas Jumpers

Week Beginning the 12th December ~ Christmas Productions

Friday 16th December ~ Break up for Christmas

Our News

Everyone is very 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! 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 lots of rewards. The children are also able to earn house points for their different coloured teams.

We are amazed at how independent some of the Ducklings are already, leaving you at the door and coming in by themselves! Well done! The Ducklings have been to do some PE in the hall. They were all excellent at listening to and following instructions and being able to find a space of their own and to move around the hall safely. So far, they have put their pumps on. Today, we were brave and got changed completely into our full PE kits!!!



STARS OF THE WEEK



Luna-Lilly from Brown Ducklings

Kaashni from Yellow Ducklings



Our Learning

The children have loved the start to their 'Amazing Me!' topic, finding out about the five senses, starting with their ears and hearing. We have been exploring making sounds with musical instruments and household objects, investigating mystery sound tubes, playing lots of sound games, including sound bingo. We have also been creating our own shakers and sound makers.

Little Chicks

We have been...

- Listening to different everyday sounds, such as animal and environmental sounds and matching them to the right objects.

- Tracing and drawing different lines with various mark making tools.
- Comparing amounts of objects to see which has more or less.

Ducklings

We have been...

- Learning all about the characters in our school reading books in preparation for reading.
- 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. Metal Mike (a robot) came to visit and we pretended to be robots, listening to the sounds in words, by breaking them up into the letter sounds; for example, cat becomes "c - a - t." We have also been listening for rhyming words in nursery rhymes and stories, as well as playing rhyming snap games.
- In mathematics we have naming 2D and 3D shapes, spotting them around us and talking about what we notice or know about them. We have also been looking at how we can match and sort different objects according to different criteria such as colour, shape and size.



What we will be learning next

For the next few weeks, we will continue to explore and find out about our different senses. Next week, we will focus on taste and smell. We will find out what we like to smell and taste and we will taste different foods and decide whether they taste sweet, salty, sour or bitter. We will find out which parts of our body help us to smell, taste, touch and see. We will be reading a series of non-fiction books entitled 'Our mouths can Taste' and 'Our noses can Smell.'

Little Chicks will be focusing on learning to put on their own coats and the Ducklings will be practicing doing up and undoing buttons.

We want to celebrate the important role that grandparents play in our lives. It is National Grandparents' Day on Sunday 2nd October. It would be really lovely if any grandparents could spare an hour to come in and talk to the children or answer any of their questions about what their lives were like when they were younger, in particular what it was like when they started school, but also to have a play with them. We plan to do this from 2.30pm on Monday 3rd October. Please just come to the school main entrance.

The Ducklings will begin their guided reading in school, to prepare them for bringing home their own reading books.

Reminders

School Website & 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 and post a comment together! Ducklings also have their own class page with current and useful information on.

Family Photographs and Reading Photographs

Our family wall is starting to fill up with our family photographs.

Please continue to send in any of these photos to help with our display. The children love to look at them whilst at school and chat with their friends about who makes up their special family.

We also want to decorate our reading area with photographs of the children reading. This can be a photograph of them reading a book or spotting letters and words whilst out and about. It could be their favourite place that they like to read in. Anything goes! The wackier, the better!

Parents' Talk about Literacy in the Ducklings

This is to be held in the hall on Wednesday 5th October 9-9.45am. Please sign up using the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqpKNqF9vn6gNYsuYAqpem3oWYB_1P_bUIbGMjat5H3S1uMw/viewform

Little Chicks and 2023/24 School Applications

Please remember to apply for your child's school place online at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/> by 15th January. You still need to apply, even if you have a brother or sister already at the school.

Coats, Puddle suits and Wellies

As the weather starts to change it is essential that all children have a puddle suit and pair of wellies in school for outdoor learning. We have a number of spare puddle suits that we can donate if necessary, although they are quite small in size. Please speak to your child's class teacher.

Please make sure that your child brings a coat to school each day now as well.

Donations of dressing-up clothes

The children love dressing up. If you are ever having a sort out at home and have any of the following items - old hats, fascinators, waistcoats, ties or silk scarves, etc. Please send them into us.

Plastic Bottles

Donations of empty, plastic bottles (with a flower shape at the bottom) are needed for our proposed Remembrance poppy project.

Water Bottles

Please can water bottles be filled at home each day, before bringing them to school? It is best for them **not** to be carried in their book bags, to help prevent leaks. Thank you.

Nail Varnish

We ask that all nail varnish is removed before coming to school.

How can you help at home?

Little Chicks

- Helping the children to recognize their own belongings - coat, bag, etc.
- Showing how to wipe their nose.
- Putting on their own coat.

Next week, Mrs Stock, Miss Taylor and Miss Hutchinson will be looking out for who can put on their own coat and pour their own drinks, for a ☺ on their Carleton Passport!

Ducklings

Keep practising getting dressed and undressed - doing up and undoing buttons, zips and the hook and eye catches on trousers, even ties if you are up for a challenge.

We will be sending home a laminated name card, for your child to keep at home and to practice tracing over their name. Use a wipeable pen, so that they can practice this over and over.

Talk for Mathematics

Look for 2D and 3D shapes around your home and when out and about.

How many different shapes can you name?

Show your families at home how you can sort a collection of different objects according to colour, shape, size, pattern and so on. You can sort toys, socks, natural objects and so on.

www.ictgames.com/numeracy

www.topmarks.com

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**.

Practise forming the letters on the handwriting sheets as they are sent home.

Play I spy.

Have a go at being segmenting words orally and talking like a robot! Sound talk a word, for e.g. get your **b-a-g**, nod your **h-ea-d**! Can they understand the word?

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

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.ictgames.com/literacy

www.phonicsbloom.co.uk

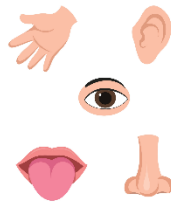
Talk for topic

Talk about the 5 senses and which parts of your body are responsible for each one.

Talk about your favourite things that you like to hear, smell or taste.

Taste and try a new food. Can you describe what it tastes like?

Find some different smells around the home and when out and about - wet grass in the garden, a cake baking, daddy's aftershave.



Our next newsletter will be on Friday 7th October 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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