

Newsletter - 3rd December 2021

Our News

The Ducklings and Little Chicks have been very active every day last week, taking part in the Spar Lancashire School Games Active Mile 2021. They put on their wellies each day and loved walking, running, skipping and jumping around the school field!

Thank you for all of your contributions of cakes for our Fairy cake Friday.

Today we have enjoyed our trip to the woods to sing some of our Christmas songs to our friends at Little Explorers. This will form part of our Carleton Green Virtual Carol Service. Look out for the video on the school website when it goes live on Thursday 16th December.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Elise and Lewis from Yellow Ducklings
Reuben and Theo from Brown Ducklings

Little Chicks

We have been...

- Writing our names inside our Christmas cards.
- Listening to and watching different versions of the nativity story.
- Exploring the numbers 7 and 8, counting out different amounts.
- Listening out for objects that begin with the letters c and d and singing the Jolly Phonics songs.
- Busy making Christmas cards and calendars.

Ducklings

We have been...

- Thinking of and writing our own lists of rhyming words, using our phonics skills.
- Learning all about advent and what it means to Christians.
- Busy creating crafts to sell at the Christmas fair.
- Reading different versions of the nativity story, sequencing the events and retelling the story.
- Writing our own first Christmas stories.
- Exploring finding 1 more and 1 less than a given number.
- Exploring shapes with 4 sides.
- Investigating how to light up the star above the stable in Bethlehem using a simple electrical circuit.

Our Learning

We will have a fun-filled few weeks ahead of us continuing with our theme of Christmas. We will be reading lots of different Christmas themed stories, writing lists and letters for Father Christmas, making shopping lists for a Christmas dinner or party and writing about the adventures of our cheeky elf, Edward.

We will be sharing how we might celebrate Christmas in our homes as well as finding out about Christmas in the past and around the world.



Reminders/Notices

Ducklings and reading

Thank you for your on-going support with reading with your child at home each day. Please remember to sign when your child has read so that we know when to change their reading book.

Family Photographs and Reading Photographs

We still have spaces on our lovely displays if you haven't yet sent in a photograph.

Family - send/email in a photograph of you and your family.

Everywhere readers - send/email in a photograph of you reading wherever you may be - in bed, in the garden, at the supermarket, in the car, up a mountain!!!! The crazier the better!

Elf Run

On Tuesday 7th December we will be joining the rest of the school to complete our Elf Run for the charity Brian House Children's Hospice. For donations please visit the Just Giving page at

<https://justgiving.com/fundraising/carletongreen>

Please bring in a pair of trainers and a festive hat or tinsel to wear for the run.

Nursery Rhyme Nativity Costumes

Please can all costumes for our nativity be brought to school by Thursday 9th December at the latest. We will be having a dress rehearsal on Friday 10th December.

All costumes to be brought in a named bag. Please can you make sure that if costumes need under clothes that these are provided in the bag too? For example if your child has a star tabard, some plain clothes may need to be brought to wear underneath.

Christmas Party

On Thursday 16th December we will be having a Christmas party. Children can come to school wearing party clothes on this day. Please be aware that the children will still be playing outside throughout the day, so still need to be warm!!

Little Chicks who do not usually attend on this day are invited to join with us from 9.30-11am.

Please let Mrs Stock or Miss Taylor know if your child will be attending.

Christmas themed stories

We love sharing some of your favourite books from home. Please bring in any Christmas themed books for us all to share together over the next few weeks. Thank you.

Little Chicks and 2022/23 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.

How can you help at home?

Little Chicks

Practise counting out different numbers of objects from a larger amount.

Play I spy and look for objects beginning with e and f.

Talk about how you celebrate Christmas in your home.

Ducklings

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

Talk for Mathematics

Roll a dice. Get that number of objects such as Lego bricks, teddies, cars, etc. Find out what 1 more would be? What would 1 less be. Get 1 more object or take one away to help you with this.
Go on a shape hunt around your home. Look for different 4-sided shapes.
Use squares and rectangles to make some shape pictures.
Look for real 3D shaped objects around your home. Which ones have 4-sided shapes on their faces?
Explain to a grown-up at home how you know whether a shape is a square or a rectangle.

www.ictgames.com/numeracy

www.topmarks.co.uk

Talk for Reading and Writing

Play - Quick write - A grown up says a letter by its name or sound and you quickly write the letter. How many can you write correctly in 1 minute?

Play - Quick write but whereby a grown up says a word, for e.g. cat and you write the word.

Practise writing the tricky words - I, no, go, to, the and into. Use paint, write in trays of flour or rice, paint outside on the path with water.

Look for the tricky words in your books at home. How many can you find?

Watch and join in with the tricky word songs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2dx65u59aw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mtn0leIe60>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2yf4j/articles/zdrd8xs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2lWkrFFbwg>

Have a go at being Metal Mike! Sound talk words e.g. Can you touch your b-a-ck?

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 f -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVJQL1E7BFQ>

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.phonicsbloom.co.uk

www.ictgames.com/literacy

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Talk for topic

Write the message in your Christmas card, using your cursive handwriting!

Write your own nativity story books.

Write a letter or a list for Santa.

Talk about gifts and giving. Think about what we can give that isn't an object; love, kindness, time.

Talk about how you celebrate Christmas in your home and your family traditions.

Ask grandparents what Christmas was like in the past when they were younger.

Please practise zipping your own coat up ready for the cold weather!

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 7th December ~ Elf Runs

Wednesday 8th December ~ Christmas Market run by Helping Hands 15:30-17:30

Friday 10th December ~ Christmas Movies & Christmas Jumper day (non-uniform)

Monday 13th December ~ Christmas Productions for EYFS Yellow Duckling's families to watch and Little Chicks' families ~ 14:30

Tuesday 14th December ~ Christmas Productions for EYFS Brown Ducklings' families to watch and Little Chicks' families ~ 14:30

Wednesday 15th December ~ Christmas Dinner in school (this is an option for ALL our children)

Thursday 16th December ~ Christmas Party

Thursday 16th December ~ Virtual Carol Service goes live.

Friday 17th December ~ School Closing for the Christmas Holidays at 15:30.

Tuesday 4th January ~ School reopens for the Spring Term

Our next newsletter will be on Friday 17th December 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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