

Our News

Thank you for all of the donations of bottles and chocolate for the Christmas fair next week. The children enjoyed selling and eating their cakes for Fairy Cake Friday today! Once again, thank you for your donations.

Thank you to the Duckling parents who attended the meeting this week about physical development. For those of you unable to attend we have put some tips for helping with physical development on the Ducklings' class page of the school website. We will hold another meeting in the new year about mathematics.



STAR MATHEMATICIANS

Jake Edwards and Leonardo McComiskey



STAR WRITERS

Jaxon Steele and Eve Armer



STAR OF THE WEEK



Eddie Deaville for coming into school with confidence and enthusiasm for learning each day and Emily Kenyon for being a kind and nurturing friend.

Little Chicks

We have been...

- Enjoying reading lots of different versions of the Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Little Red Riding Hood stories and joining in with the story telling
- Comparing quantities, counting to 5 and beyond and recognising numbers to 5
- The children have been doing really well learning the Christmas play songs and joining in with rehearsals

Ducklings

We have been...

- Reading and retelling different Goldilocks and Little Red Riding Hood stories, using the familiar story language
- Making porridge, eating it with different toppings and helping Goldilocks to make her own porridge by writing all about it
- Making different sized bears, chairs and beds in the creative area
- Hiding our bears and using positional vocabulary to describe where they were hiding
- Counting accurately the buns to take to Grandma's house



Our Learning

Over the remaining weeks we will be learning all about Christmas and joining in with the season's celebrations. Next week we will be continuing to practise our nativity play ready for our dress rehearsal and then our performances the following week. Next week we will be focusing on the nativity story and why Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. We will be retelling and ordering the events in the nativity story, as well as dressing up in

nativity costumes to act it out! We will be busy making our natural decorations ready for the Christmas fair and busy creating our own Christmas cards and crafts. The following week we will be finding out about how Christmas is celebrated in our homes and around the world. We will talk about how different families have different traditions. Our home corner and role play areas will be decorated and turned into Christmas at home.

Little Chicks will continue with their number work, comparing quantities, counting and recognising numbers. They will also be exploring the sounds 's' and 'a' and finding objects that begin with these sounds.

The Ducklings will be completing this phase of phonics and learning the phonemes - l, ll and ss. As our first term at school draws to an end, the Ducklings' teachers will also be finding out what the children have learnt and remembered so far in phonics, reading, writing and mathematics by completing assessment activities with them,



Reminders

Natural Materials

We need lots of sticks to make our decorations out of for the Christmas market. Please send in any that you managed to collect. Thanks.

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!

Reading

As well as reading regularly (every night if possible!) please practise the letter and sound flashcards to help your child to retain their phonics learning.

Costumes

Please can all costumes for the nativity be in school, in a named carrier bag, by **Friday 7th December at the latest** as we will be performing on Monday 10th December.

Little Chicks and 2019/20 School Applications

Please remember to apply for your child's school place online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools by **15th January 2019**. You still need to apply, even if you have a brother or sister already at the school.

Spare Clothes

As the weather gets wetter and colder, please can the children be prepared by making sure that they bring a warm coat, hat and gloves each day. Also the children love to learn outdoors even when it is wet. Please send them in with a spare change of socks and tights just in case!

Changes to home time routine

Please inform an adult at school if somebody different is going to be picking your child up from school or if throughout the year, you need to make changes to the 'Collecting From School' list of names that you gave us at the beginning of the year. Thanks.

Little Chicks and Ducklings Christmas Party

We are going to have a Christmas party on the afternoon of Wednesday 19th December from 1.30pm. It is also Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch too, so will be a fun-filled day!

If your child is in Little Chicks and does not normally attend the Wednesday afternoon session they are very welcome to join us for the party. Please let Mrs Stock or Mrs Richardson know in advance.

Christmas in our Home Corner

Donations of Christmas themed napkins, crackers, paper plates and cups would be most welcome. It would be lovely if each child could bring in a shop bought or home-made decoration for our class Christmas tree. Also Santa hats for our Santa's Workshop! Once again...many thanks!

Christmas cards

Why not help the environment and instead of giving all of your friends a Christmas card, just write in one big one for all of the class?

How can you help at home?

Little Chicks

Read some different nativity stories together

Practise counting objects around the home

Listen out for objects around the home that begin with the 's' or 'a' sound

Ducklings

Talk for Mathematics

Practise counting collections of objects up to 20 accurately

Practise writing numbers to 20 in different ways - outside with chalk on the path, with a stick in the sand or mud, in a tray of rice or flour!

Look at numbers on doors. Which number would be 1 more or 1 less?

Estimate how many objects are in a group and then check by counting

www.ictgames.com/numeracy

www.topmarks.co.uk

Talk for Reading and Writing

Find objects when you are at home and out and about that start with the sounds b, f and l.

Look out for words that have a double letter in like ff, ss or ll, such as miss or will

Practise writing these letters in sand or with chalk

Look for these letters in books at home.

Practise reading and writing the phase 2 'tricky' words - I, go, no, to, the and into. Look for these tricky words in your reading books and books at home

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

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

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.ictgames.com/literacy

www.phonicsbloom.co.uk

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Talk for topic

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, bring in some photographs for our home corner of you and your family celebrating Christmas.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 7th December ~ PTFA Christmas Market with Father Christmas and Elf Run

Monday 10th December ~ Little Chicks' and Ducklings' Christmas Production for families at 14:00

Tuesday 11th December ~ Little Chicks' and Ducklings' Christmas Production for families at 09:30

~ Little Chicks' and Ducklings' Christmas Production for families at 14:00

Tuesday 18th December ~ Candlelit Carol Service at Rossall from 18:00 for all our children and families to enjoy a magical evening. All welcome!

Wednesday 19th December ~ Christmas Jumper Day with Christmas Lunch served in school. Little Chicks and Ducklings Christmas party at 13:30

Friday 21st December ~ School closes for the Christmas holidays at **14:30**. Please note there will be no after school club on this day.

Our next newsletter will be on Friday 14th 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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