

Newsletter - 7th May 2021

Our News

The Ducklings have enjoyed their Under the Sea themed topic over the last few weeks. They have been very lucky to have had a number of super visitors. Nobby Williams came in to talk to them about his job as an illustrator. The children then had a fabulous time describing sea creatures to him which he drew for them.

Mrs Haigh, from the Environment agency, came to talk to them about how they can help to reduce the amount of plastic that makes its way into our seas.

Yesterday, the children thoroughly enjoyed their Pirate Day with a visit from Captain Dan Tastic. They learned so much information about the history of pirates, their ships, their weapons, the food they ate, how they slept and much more in such a fun way and interactive way

The children have listened with enthusiasm to all of our visitors and thought of some interesting questions to ask. We have been very proud of them all.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Theo Minns from Yellow Ducklings and Rory Angell from Brown Ducklings

STAR WRITER OF THE HALF-TERM

Rupert Williams from Yellow Ducklings and Kennedy Binks from Brown Ducklings

STAR MATHEMATICIAN OF THE HALF-TERM

Eva Sharpe from Yellow Ducklings and Alfie Wagstaff from Brown Ducklings

Our Learning

The children have read lots of information about different sea creatures and now know lots of different facts about them. They have begun to find out about more about pirates and their history. They have even had fun learning how to talk like a pirate. Ask them to show you!

They have been learning some new songs about creatures that live under the sea and exploring ways to move in time to the music and like each of the different creatures. They have also begun to explore how they can play percussion instruments along to a song.

In mathematics Little Chicks have been counting groups of objects such as sea creatures and golden coins and matching the amount to the correct number. The Ducklings have been finding out what capacity is and exploring how different containers can hold different amounts.

In the creative area the children have enjoyed helping to create our new pirate ship role play area along with making pirate hats, telescopes and cutlasses. They have also enjoyed drawing and labelling their very own treasure maps.

In the investigation area they have explored using magnets to find out if the objects and materials found on the beach are magnetic or not.

Outside the children have loved 'walking the plank' by balancing carefully along the planks and crates and also using the metal detectors to look for treasure!



What we will be learning next

Over the next week we will be continuing with the current theme of pirates, which the children are so interested in. We will read lots of different pirate themed stories and use these as a stimulus for our writing and mark making activities. We will continue to hunt for treasure as well as for 'Wanted' pirates.

We will design and create our own pirate ships and then explore and test them out. Will they float or sink? Whose ship will carry the most? and much more. We will continue to learn to sing some new pirate themed songs and think about actions we can do with them or ways that we can change the words within the verses.

Reminders

BLOG

Have a look together at the blog on the school website to find out more about learning in school each day. A homework activity could be to think of a comment together and for the grown up to add it for you!

Reading Books and reading Records

It is very important that you try and listen to your child read every day and sign and comment in the reading record. Reading books need to be returned to school every day as we need to use the reading records for our reading with them in school. Thank you for your support with this. The Oxford Owl reading books are still available for additional reading online too.

Sunhats and sun cream

Children might need to start bringing in sunhats and sun cream as the weather continues to warm up. Please make sure that names are all belongings that are set into school. It is a good idea for sun cream to be applied before coming to school and then to show your child how to apply small amounts of sun cream themselves, should they need to top up later in the day.

Pirate Stories

If you have any pirate themed stories at home, please bring them in for us to share during story time.

Garden Area

Mrs Hicks and the children in school have planted wild flower and sunflower seeds at the front of school near the wing. Please do not let children trample on the flower beds. Thank you.

How can you help at home?

Little Chicks

Find objects beginning with r and s when out and about or around the home.

Order real objects according to their length or height.

Ducklings

Talk for Mathematics

Explore the capacity (how much a container can hold) of different containers.

Fill and empty different sized containers with water during bath time. How many smaller containers full can you fill a larger container up with?

Explore making different capacities - full, half-full, empty, nearly full, nearly empty and so on.

Explore finding the capacity of a container using different objects, for erg how many pasta twists can fit in a small cup? How many mega blocks does it take to fill a shoebox? Can they predict and then measure/count? How many spades of sand to fill a bucket?

Do some baking involving measuring out different ingredients with different sized containers - a cup, a spoon, etc.

www.ictgames.com/numeracy

www.topmarks.co.uk

Talk for Reading and Writing

Read your reading book each day. Read additional books on Oxford Owl when you can.

Get a grown up to ask you some how or why questions about your book. Retell the book in your own words.

Practise the phonics flashcards and tricky word games. Practise writing all of the tricky words.

Complete the phonics activities on Education City.

Practise writing words that have two consonants at the start (ccvc words) for e.g. trip, tree, slip, grab, stop, brown, clip.

Try writing some simple sentences with these words in.

Practise your letter formation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCI2wudcW3M>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NQ6uS8blwY>

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.ictgames.com/literacy

www.phonicsbloom.co.uk

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Talk for topic

Find out some more information about pirates or pirate ships.

Draw and label your own treasure maps.

Tell a grown up about the Pirate Day and some of the new facts that you have learnt.

Perform one of the pirate songs and actions to your family at home.

Draw and label a pirate ship of your own.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 21st May Mrs Wilson - Marine Biologist to visit

Friday 28th May - Break up for half-term

4th, 5th and 6th June ~ Bowness to Carleton Staff Sponsored Walk for Pancreatic Cancer

Thursday 10th June - Return to school

Week Beginning 5th July ~ Healthy Living Week. PE Kits will be needed.

Our next newsletter will be on Friday 21st May 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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