

### Our News

Well done to all of the Brown Ducklings for their amazing class assembly. Thank you to all of the parents who came to watch.

Mrs Catterall is very happy to be back at school and all the staff were very impressed with all the Ducklings for adjusting to some slight changes to their routine over the last few weeks.

Well done!

On returning to school after the holiday we were all surprised to see the changes to our caterpillars and cocoons. We now have four painted lady butterflies! The children have taken great care of them this week and have enjoyed observing them closely, asking questions and finding out more about them. We now know what a butterfly's tongue is called, what the special word is for the change from an egg to a butterfly and whether all the painted ladies are female or not! We have all learnt so much!

We had a lovely morning today with Kelly and her creatures from 'Hands On Animals.' The children got to handle lots of different mini-beasts and enjoyed thinking of and asking interesting questions about them.



### **STARS OF THE WEEK**



Arnie Purdon for being a super Carleton Green pupil and Isabella Irvin for growing in confidence each week!

Amelia Willacy for her confidence and performance in our class assembly and Toby McClaren for the super progress in his writing



### **STAR MATHEMATICIANS**

Nicola Bromell and Zach Chappell

### **STAR WRITERS**

Arnie Purdon and Toby McClaren

### Our Learning

The children are still very much enjoying the garden topic. They have learnt lots about the life cycle of a butterfly and have loved reading and retelling The Very Hungry Caterpillar story. They have thoroughly enjoyed having mini-beast treasure hunts outside and have been going exploring looking for mini-beasts in different places around school such as the garden, the field, on the playground and so on. They have been busy building and creating caterpillars in the construction and creative areas. They have loved observing the real-life butterflies; feeding, them, drawing them and researching for more information about them. Today we released them into our lovely garden and hope to see them flying around in their new surroundings.

### Little Chicks have been...

- Drawing what the hungry caterpillar liked to eat
- Sequencing the main events from The Very Hungry Caterpillar story and retelling the story with props
- Recognising numbers to 10 and finger printing those numbers to make caterpillars

## **Ducklings have been...**

- Continuing to read and write words with pairs of consonants at the beginning or end of words
- Designing and drawing up plans for how to make a bug hotel for Billy the Beetle and his other garden friends
- Solving mathematics problems related to grouping, sharing and sorting
- Programming the Beebots and directing them around the garden



## **What we will be learning next**

Over the next few weeks we will be continuing with our What's in the Garden? topic, with a focus on different mini-beasts. Next week we will be reading non-fiction books about butterflies as well as stories such as The Munching, Crunching Caterpillar. We will also read another story by Eric Carle called The Very Busy Spider. We will continue to hunt for mini-beasts and find out where they like to live and why. Little Chicks will be ordering caterpillars according to their size and length. The Ducklings will be looking at weight and comparing the foods that the hungry caterpillar ate. Little Chicks will be listening for rhyming pairs and continuing a rhyming string. The Ducklings will be writing their own information texts about caterpillars and butterflies.

It is also healthy living week so we will be doing lots of physical activities outside along with our sports' day. We will be designing a healthy packed lunch and making healthy fruit smoothies for our snack time.

## **Reminders**

### **BLOG**

Don't forget to look on the class blog.

### **Sports' Day**

Please can all children have a bottle of water, sun cream and sun hat in school and especially on sports' day. The children are encouraged to wear trainers, if they have them. Please send these in ready for sports' day on Tuesday. Little Chicks will be joining in with the sports' day and their race will take place at approximately 3pm on Tuesday. If your child does not attend on this day but you would like to bring them along to join in at this time, this is absolutely fine.

### **Smoothies**

As part of our healthy living week the children will be making smoothies. We will make a dairy free smoothie for those that have milk allergies. Please see your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

### **Dressing Up**

Remember to dress up as one of your favourite book characters on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate our library re-opening.

### **Bug Hotel Competition**

We have been learning how to make a bug hotel and the children have created their own designs. Have a go and make your bug hotel at home! All entries for the competition to be brought into school by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please see the attached letter

## **How can you help at home?**

### **Little Chicks**

Place objects in order according to their size/length. Look for numbers and letters in the environment and send photos in to share.

### **Ducklings**

### **Talk for Mathematics**

Compare different fruits and vegetables and place in order according to their weight.

Put out different numbers of plates or bowls and share out (fairly) some dried pasta or play food.  
Keep a diary for a week of what you eat each day, just like the Very Hungry Caterpillar.  
Write the days of the week and draw something that you do each day.  
Create some word problems of your own for the Very Hungry Caterpillar and illustrate them, For e.g. The caterpillar eats 4 strawberries and 5 oranges. Altogether it ate 9 fruits.

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### **Talk for Reading and Writing**

Read and talk about your book every night.

Practise the phonics flashcards and tricky word games. Practise writing all of the tricky words and words with the different phonemes in.

Practise spelling words with 2 consonants at the beginning and end of the words, for e.g. plant, stamp.

Write your own hungry caterpillar story.

Using the letters in the word caterpillar, what words can you make? For example pat, rap.

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[www.phonicsbloom.co.uk](http://www.phonicsbloom.co.uk)

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

### **Talk for topic**

Make your own colourful, symmetrical butterfly using creative materials.

Go on your own mini-beast hunts. Look under rocks and branches. Draw a picture or take photographs of the creatures that you spot.

Perform the caterpillar songs that we have been learning in school to an audience at home.

Demonstrate your egg roll, caterpillar walk and fluttering on tip toes like a butterfly.

Make your bug hotel.

Practise skipping with a rope at home in the garden.



### **Dates for your diary:**

#### **Healthy Living Week and Sports' Day**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June from 1pm with a reserve day of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

#### **Class Photos**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June

#### **Parent Forum**

To discuss behaviour - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 5-6pm

#### **Non-Uniform day**

Wear non-uniform in exchange for bringing an item for the summer fair

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June and then on 28<sup>th</sup> June for food items

#### **Summer Fair**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1-3.30pm

#### **Open Afternoon**

Open afternoon for parents and carers to share the end of our current topic

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2.30-3.30pm

#### **Transition**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

## **Reports**

Report will be sent home Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

## **Little Chicks Graduation**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm

## **Non-Uniform Day**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July in aid of Cancer Research

Our next newsletter will be on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 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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