



Newsletter - 8th October 2021

Our News

The Ducklings are going to be bringing home their first reading books. Please comment and sign when they have read with you at home. To begin with, the children will bring home some picture books. They are to use the illustrations to help them 'tell' a story. You can encourage them to talk about the pictures by asking lots of questions - How? What? Why? When? Who? Where?

We can tell that lots of children have been busy practising doing up and undoing their buttons, as well as fastening their own coats! Well done!

For the Ducklings' parents, the information all about Communication, Language and Literacy in Reception has been placed for you to read on the Ducklings Class page of the school website.

Mr Kenyon, our British Sign Language expert, supports one of our pupils who is deaf. As well as supporting them, he is teaching us all how to use sign language in our daily routines. It is a fantastic opportunity for us and the children love learning this new skill. Ask them to show you what they have learnt so far at home! You will be amazed!



STARS OF THE WEEK



Lily S and Abel in Yellow Ducklings
Hannah and Jenson in Brown Ducklings

Our Learning

Over the last few weeks the children have loved finding out more about how they have grown and changed since being babies and all of the different parts of their bodies and what they can do. They have also been talking about how they are all different and what is the same, encouraging and developing tolerance.

Little Chicks

We have been...

- Mark making with chalks and chalkboards.
- Drawing themselves and their friends.
- Recapping over the numbers 1,2 and 3 by counting, writing the numbers and so on.
- Comparing small amounts and saying which has more, less, same.
- Exploring making sounds with their bodies - clapping, stamping and so on.

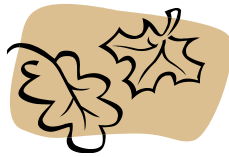
Ducklings

We have been...

- Writing labels for the different parts of their bodies.
- In Phonics we have been sorting objects according to their initial sounds and learning about the letter names and sounds p, i, n, m, d and g - how to write them, listening out for them and reading words with them in.
- Looking at amounts and recognizing more than, fewer than or the same as.
- Comparing size, mass (weight) and capacity and encouraging the use of different comparative vocabulary such as shortest, taller, heaviest, nearly empty and full.

BLOG

Visit the school website and have a look at our class blogs 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!



What we will be learning next

For the next few weeks we will be finding out more about Autumn and Harvest. We will find out what harvest means and how it is celebrated. We will look at different harvest vegetables and use them in our learning in different ways such as for printing with, drawing and writing about. We will be talking about where all of our food comes from and who helps to grow it, look after it, harvest it and how it gets to our shops and table. In Literacy we will be reading the traditional tale, 'The Enormous Turnip.'

We will get outside and explore the changing weather and seasons around us. We will go on welly walks to look for signs of autumn and talk about what animals do in Autumn to prepare for the coming winter months.

The Ducklings will continue with learning more sounds. We will be learning are o, c, k, e, u and r. The tricky words we will be learning to read and write are 'to' and 'the.'

Our investigation and exploration area will become a collection of autumn treasures for the children to use their senses to explore.

Reminders

Reading Books

Please can reading books and reading records be brought to school every day. Thank you.

Autumn Objects - While you are out and about can you collect as many different natural objects for our autumn investigation table, such as conkers and their shells, acorns, sycamore seeds, different coloured leaves and fir cones. Many thanks.

The Enormous Turnip

We hope to read lots of different versions of this traditional tale. If you have a version of this book at home, please send it in for us to share with the class together.

Vegetables

Please could each child bring in some different vegetables for us to explore, draw, paint with and so on?

The more, the better! All different kinds such as, turnips, swede, onion, leek, carrots, pumpkin, butternut squash, etc.!

Thanking you kindly in advance!

Puddle suits and wellies

Please send in some wellies and a puddle suit for your child to wear during outdoor learning. We can't wait to go on our autumn welly walks.

Names

Please ensure that names are written in all belongings. It is very difficult to re-claim lost items that are unnamed.

Spare Clothes

Ducklings usually just need a spare pair of socks/tights and underwear in their bags for emergencies. The Little Chicks are asked to bring a spare change of clothes each day to school.

How can you help at home?

- Practising using a knife and fork
- Reinforcing saying please and thank you when asking for things. You could use the sign for these too!
- Practise zipping or buttoning up your coats at home

Little Chicks

Look for shapes when out and about.

Compare different amounts/quantities.

Talk about and listen to words that rhyme and make a silly soup - things that go in the soup pan together that rhyme - cat, hat, mat and a bat.



Ducklings

Education City

In each reading record there will be a login and password to our online homework programme. Visit <https://www.educationcity.com/> to access some additional homework ideas.

Talk for Mathematics

Get some small objects such as Lego, conkers, raisins. Make two groups. Compare the groups and estimate which group has more, fewer or are they the same? Check by counting the objects 1:1 accurately.

Collect some objects and order them according to their size, length, height or weight (mass.)

Use comparative vocabulary such as longest, longer, biggest, bigger, heaviest, lightest and so on.

In the bath or when playing in your sandpit, explore different sized containers and find out how much they can hold. Try making a container - full, nearly full, half-full, nearly empty and empty.

www.ictgames.com/numeracy

www.topmarks.com

Talk for Reading and Writing

Use the question book marks that are sent home in their reading records as a prompt to question them when they read. 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?

Find objects when you are at home and out and about that start with the sounds **s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d and g.**

Play I spy.

Have a go at being Metal Mike! Sound talk a word, for e.g. get your **b-a-g**, nod your **h-ea-d**! Can they understand the word?

Use chalks or paints on the path in the garden to practise writing the letters you have been learning. Remember the cursive handwriting and to do your flicks in and out of each letter correctly! You could also fill a tray with flour or salt and write in it with your fingers!

Practise the phonics/sound flashcards that have been sent home each night. Keep these sets safe as we will continue to add to them over the next few weeks.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.ictgames.com/literacy

www.phonicsbloom.co.uk

Talk for topic

Go on your own autumn welly walk! What can you see, hear, feel, smell, taste?

Collect interesting objects for our autumn table.

Talk about the vegetables that you like to eat and are thankful for.

Make some vegetable soup together.

Find out more about where your favourite foods come from.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 15th October - non-uniform day for one tree day. Each child is being encouraged to wear their own clothes and something green. We ask that they bring in £1 to fund the planting of their tree.

Monday 18th October - Parents' Evenings online

Tuesday 19th October - Parents' Evenings online - Details will be sent to you very shortly.

Thursday 21st October - Fabulous Finish open afternoon for families to come and share our learning with us.

Friday 22nd October - School closes for half-term at 3.30pm

Monday 8th November - School re-opens

Friday 26th November - Ducklings and Little Chicks Fairy Cake Friday. Bring in shop bought cakes (complete with ingredients/contents list) to sell.

Friday 26th November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations with School Nurses

Our next newsletter will be on Friday 22nd 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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