

Ducklings

We are pleased to welcome you all back after the Easter break and we can't believe we are entering into the summer term. Let's hope for some more sunshine! In the EYFS we predominantly plan 'in the moment'; supporting and extending children's learning when they are most involved in their play; therefore the curriculum letters will share the learning from the last half term. Please enjoy reading the things "***we have been learning...***"

Literacy

- enjoying mark making using a variety of materials to draw lots of pictures.
- talking about our pictures, describing them and narrating simple stories for an adult to write.
- reading lots of different books, using the



Maths

- making comparisons between numbers, amounts and size of objects.
- using mathematical language such as more, less, greater, fewer.
- exploring repeating patterns, through



Communication and Language

- listening carefully and following 2 step instructions
- exploring preposition e.g under, on top, behind.
- discussing current events and recalling past experiences.



We have been ...



Expressive Art and Design

- balancing and joining construction materials to create our own structures.
- using every day materials to create and support our story telling.
- playing instruments creating our own songs, dances

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- encouraging friends to play our games, clearly sharing the rules and expectations.
- focusing on waiting our turn, using strategies such as swapping resources and setting time limits with timers.
- discussing and sharing our feelings in different situations and considering how we can make each other feel happy.



Physical Development

- exploring different ways to move; slithering, crawling, shuffling, jumping, sliding, swinging etc.
- developing our pencil grip. Making sure we hold the pencil/pen near the tip using a tripod grip.



Understanding of the World

- hunting for minibeasts in our garden, observing and taking care of them.
- safely using the internet to gather information to support our play.

This half term Value is.... **Friendship**

We will explore the value of friendship. We will discuss the importance of friendship and how we can be a good friend to others.

Important Dates/Info

- Friday 28th May : **Last day of Summer 1 Half term**
- Tuesday 7th June: **First Day of Summer 2 term**



Parent meetings will continue: Each week 3 different children will continue to be the focus for ***recorded*** observations using the **Evidence Me** app. The nursery team will initially contact the families via letter to arrange a telephone 'meeting' during the following week to discuss their child's learning. Please don't forget to respond to the letter and share some of the exciting things that your children have been doing at home by loading some photos up on the **Evidence Me** app.

Ideas of how you can support your child's learning at home

- Play hunt the toy– Adult to hide and describe where the toy is hidden “behind the sofa”. Make sure you use preposition “on top, next to, behind, under.”
- Snuggle up and share a picture book daily. Ask children about characters, settings and events.
- Practice holding a pen or pencil in a tripod grip.
- Play a simple board game that encourages your child to wait their turn, roll a die and count spaces.
- Go on a minibeast hunt. Discuss what makes their features, movement and habitats.
- Use a large box to be a house, rocket, boat etc
- Find a space and explore different ways of moving; hopping, skipping, jumping, spinning.



Thank you for your continual support. Keep smiling, be kind to yourselves and stay safe!

Mrs Buckingham, Mrs Padian and Miss Turnbull.