



Ducklings Newsletter March 2024

Wow another half term has flown by! We hope you all enjoy the Easter Break. Next half term the children will be exploring our wonderful world, people and communities. The children will be learning about 'people who help us' and will continue to build upon their cultural capital as global citizens. In maths the children will be exploring sequencing and numerical patterns. The children continue to develop their early phonological awareness, next half term our exploration of sounds will be focussed on alliteration. Thank you to those of you that have been able to attend our stay and play sessions, we hope that these have provided the opportunity for you to see the nursery routines in action, I know the children have really enjoyed these sessions too. After Easter Stay and Play Sessions will move to Monday Mornings. School allocations; You will receive your child's school offer for Reception Places on Tuesday 16th April 2024. You will receive either an email or letter depending on which form of communication you opted for when you applied. Please let us know which school your child has been allocated and if you will be accepting or declining their place. We will begin to plan with each school to ensure smooth transitions.

Next half term we will be learning about two new artists; Keith Haring and Jean-Michel Basquiat.



The children have enjoyed their nature studies linked to the life cycle of a frogs and butterflies, making accurate observations. They used scientific enquiry, observation to look closely at the caterpillars, demonstrating awe and wonder. They will continue their scientific exploration after Easter as we embrace Science Week!



<p>Asking questions Asking questions that can be answered using a scientific enquiry.</p>	
<p>Making predictions Using prior knowledge to suggest what will happen in an enquiry.</p>	
<p>Observing and measuring Using senses and measuring equipment to make observations about the enquiry.</p>	
<p>Recording data Using tables, drawings and other means to note observations and measurements.</p>	





Next half term the children will explore several key texts including 'The Hospital Dog', 'Mess the Nurse/Ouch I need a plaster', 'All are welcome' and a non-fiction text 'Marie Curie'.



Literacy, 3-4 Years:

Develop their phonological awareness, so that they can spot and suggest rhymes

Count or clap syllables in a word.



The children enjoyed listening and matching rhyming words linked to our phonics scheme. We used lots of games to reinforce the concept of rhyme, including online games on both phonics play and phonics bloom. We also played word games rhyming their names and making up nonsense words.

As we move into the Summer Term we will continue to go to Forest School, however this will move to a Thursday Morning, to allow for the children who have not yet accessed this to attend a block of Forest School Sessions, we will aim to add an additional session one afternoon in the summer term, to ensure the that those children who have been accessing the site can continue to do so. Please ensure all clothing is labelled. The children will continue to enjoy campfire cooking each week as part of these sessions.



Support for Families

We are aware the cost of living continues to have an impact on our children and families, especially over school holidays. As a school we are keen to support where we can. We are able to support you with food parcels to those finding it difficult financially. We also have nappies and uniform available if these would help with rising costs let Miss Bailey know.

Cost of Living

If you are struggling with the cost of living crisis, Bromsgrove District Council has a handy webpage that provides links to support and advice that is available. This is advice from a wide range of agencies. Even if you don't claim any benefits you may be entitled to support you weren't aware of, and not just monetary support, but good advice from legitimate sources you can trust.

Have a look and please share the links with anyone else who may be struggling financially. www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/costofliving

Parenting Support and Advice

Starting Well Bromsgrove Newsletter Spring 24

Meet the Parenting Team

Our team have a wealth of Knowledge, tips and ideas to support you through your journey as a parent. From fussy eaters to supporting your teen. Our weekly groups are fun and friendly and a chance to meet other parents. Take a look at our website: www.startingwellworcesters.nhs.uk or call the one number to chat to our team and find out more.

Free Online Courses

The Solihull Approach online parenting courses are a series of NICE approved resources for parents and carers who want to learn more about sensitive and effective parenting and building a positive relationship with their child. Parents are also helped to understand how they can influence their relationship with their child through play.

The courses are **FREE** with access code: **PARENTSROCK** at www.inourplace.co.uk for residents in our area. There are courses for parents, carers and grandparents about children from bump to 19+ years on a range of topics including pregnancy, teenagers, relationships and more.

New Booking System

Some of our parenting groups and workshops can now be booked directly by parers/carers using the trybooking system. Scan the QR code or visit www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/startingwellpartnership

Thank you for your continued support this half term,

Miss Bailey and the Nursery Team