



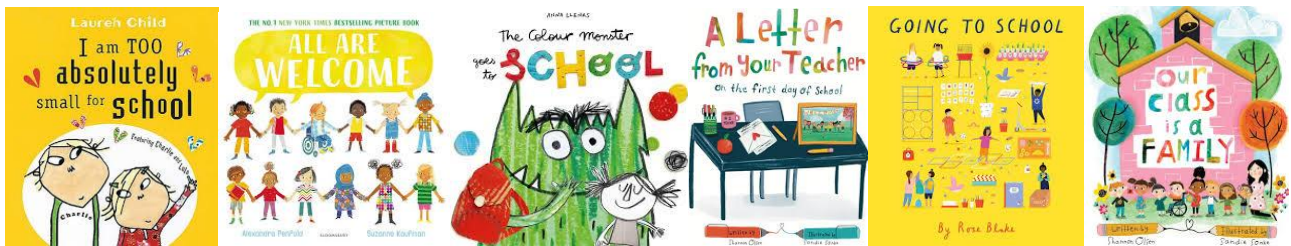
Ducklings Newsletter May 2024

The children have enjoyed another busy half term and we edge nearer to the end of our time in Ducklings Class. At the end of June, we will send out a link to download your child's tapestry observations, this link will allow you to export PDF copies of your child's learning journey, you will have the option to purchase a printed copy of the journal, alongside the option to download the PDF copy for free. The children's Tapestry accounts will be deactivated on the 5th July. **Please ensure you have downloaded this no later than Friday 5th July.**



We have spent the half term learning about our community and the many different roles within in it. We have had the opportunities to learn about people who help us and how we can help other people. We have talked about keeping ourselves safe and healthy linked to Meadows Wellbeing Wheel. We have also had the opportunity to celebrate our differences and challenge gender stereotypes.

We have enjoyed learning about Keith Haring and his Party People!



Next half term we will be preparing the children for their transitions to 'Big School', above are some of the social stories we will be sharing and there is a great online game on BBC Bitesize called 'My first day at school'. Starting school is an exciting time for young children and their parents. It can be a daunting time, too. But with a little preparation and encouragement, most children will settle in at school better than we may expect. Transitions help children to cope with times of change. Here are some top tips, to help you prepare your child for starting school. Over the next half term, the children will begin their transitions into their new classes, their teachers may visit them in Nursery and they will visit their new classrooms too. If you are anxious about upcoming transitions please speak to Miss Bailey.

Steps to starting school

Build your child's confidence so that they start school confident, curious and ready to learn

Access more great advice, tips and downloadable resources at pacey.org.uk/schoolready

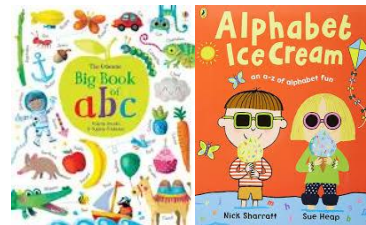


pacey

More top tips:

- Get your child ready for their new routine by switching their meal times to match those of the school day
- Encourage your child to explore new environments and interact with new people
- Talk to your child about what they are most looking forward to at school
- Let your child practice putting their own school uniform on and taking it off
- Let your child practice putting their own school uniform on and taking it off
- Let your child practice putting their own school uniform on and taking it off
- Let your child practice putting their own school uniform on and taking it off
- Let your child practice putting their own school uniform on and taking it off





Literacy, 3-4 Years:

- Recognise words with the same initial sound.
- Understand the key concepts about print:
 - Print has meaning
 - Print can have different purposes

The children have enjoyed listening and matching initial sounds, linked to our phonics scheme. We used lots of games to reinforce the concept of alliteration, including odd sound out on phonics bloom. We also played word games making alliterative links with their names and making up nonsense words.

As we move into the Summer Term we will continue to go to Forest School, this will continue to be on a Thursday Morning. As the weather warms up, our protective clothing changes at Forest school. Please could all children bring a named sun hat. Have long lasting sun cream applied and wear long sleeved clothes, thin jogging bottoms/leggings and long-sleeved T-shirt, to protect from sunburn, insect bites and stings. As we will no longer have the protection of our waterproofs on warmer days. If you would like to pack lighter clothes for the children to change into after Forest school you are welcome to do so.



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.

Understanding your Child from Toddler to Teenager

Would like to know more about your child's development and better understand their behaviour? We all know being a parent can be one of the most challenging and rewarding roles you will ever take on as an adult, and sometimes we could all use a little extra help. This relaxed and fun group will help you to explore topics like:

- Developmental needs
- Communication
- Sleep
- Behavioural difficulties
- Family fun

Suitable for families with children and young people aged 0 - 19 years old, with 2 hourly group sessions running over a 10 week period.

This group runs across the county. Book by scanning the QR code to visit www.trybooking.com/#!/events/startingwellpartnership

This group runs across the county. For more details call 01905 520 032 or visit www.startingwellworks.nhs.uk/parenting-groups

Join us at The Old Needworks on Tuesdays from 09:30 to 11:00

COMMUNITY SUPERMARKET

New Opening Times
Still every Thursday but now
2pm-5pm

NewStarts

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Free School Uniform
Drop-in
Pick-up
Open everyday
9am to 3pm
1 Sherwood Road, B60 3DR (opposite Homebase)

NewStarts

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

Download the Youtube Kids app and contact your own Youtube channel.

- Input your child's name, age and birth month.
- Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choices.
- If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to select and approve.
- Once you've made your choices, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

- ADMONITION REINFORCEMENT:** The app will apply an admonition to any video that you have selected for your child to watch. This will help you to reinforce the rules you have set for your child's viewing.
- REMOVING UNDESIRABLE CONTENT:** You can remove any video that you do not want your child to watch. This will help you to ensure that your child only sees content that is appropriate for them.
- DISABLE SEARCH OPTION:** You can disable the search option in the app. This will help you to ensure that your child only sees content that you have approved.
- WATCH TOGETHER:** You can watch videos with your child. This will help you to ensure that your child only sees content that is appropriate for them.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY: You can monitor the watch history of your child. This will help you to ensure that your child only sees content that is appropriate for them.

National Online Safety

Date for your Diary:

Nursery Sports Day - Monday 25th June 10.30-12pm



Thank you for your continued support this half term,
Miss Bailey and the Nursery Team

Free, safe and anonymous mental health support

Over 100 in Worcestershire are able to improve their mental wellbeing with our free, safe and anonymous platform.

On Qwell, you can talk to a professional, engage in community support or simply read our thousands of well-help articles, all for free.

For free, safe and anonymous support: qwell.io

Slip
on a protective clothing

Stop
on SPF30+ or higher sunscreen

Slap
on a hat

Seek
shade

Slide
on sunglasses