

Welcome back!

A warm welcome back to all the children and families who joined us again this September. We are so pleased to welcome you back into the nursery and are so proud of the children for settling back in so well after the disruption caused by Covid-19. We have enjoyed hearing all about the exciting things you have been doing over lockdown, and discussing all the special memories you have made as a family. Please continue to send in photos of your experiences at home, as we use these to add to the family boards within the nursery and to each child's photo album.

As you will know, there have been some changes to the way we work, including the structure of the groupings as we are currently working in bubble groups with Ducks and Farmers mixed. We have found the mixed age groups have been very beneficial for supporting children's language development and also in supporting behaviour management. This has been reinforced by the positive feedback we have received from parents. Please do continue to share your thoughts with us whether that be verbally, on ParentZone or via email. We love to hear positive feedback and equally if there is any area you think we can improve on, this is welcomed as we strive to provide the best quality for all families.

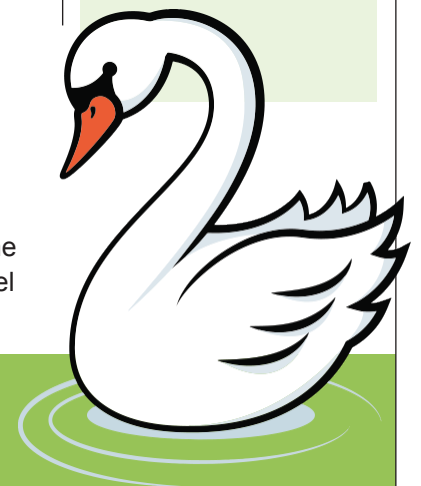
Question of the month “How can we support you?”

We are very aware that the disruption caused by Covid and the related lockdown will have caused many parents and families lots of worries and anxiety. We would like to support you in any way we can, whether that be behaviour management, toileting, sleep routines etc. Please let us know if there is any specific topic you would like any advice on.



Lambs

In the Lambs bubble, the children have enjoyed a senses topic which stemmed from the children's interests in the different textures in the outdoor area. The children enjoyed crunching the leaves and listening to environmental sounds like the variety of birds that live in the trees around us. The staff followed this interest and planned activities such as food play in the home corner, the children enjoyed smelling a variety of food items like limes, onions, carrots etc. The children also enjoyed using sensory playdough which helped to build their fine and gross motor skills, strengthening the muscles and joints in their hands ready for mark-making. The children also took part in a baking activity where they made some buns to take home and enjoy! The children are now exploring some of their favourite stories; please feel free to share their favourite stories with us and pictures from story time at home.



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Ducks and Farmers

The Ducks and Farmers have certainly been busy since returning to nursery!



In Bubble 2, the children showed a keen interest in fireworks after reading “Peppa Pig’s Diwali” and being fascinated by the illustrations. To develop this interest and take the children on a learning journey, we took part in a variety of science experiments. During one, we filled a balloon with different coloured paint and popped it to create a unique splatter painting that looked like a firework! We made predictions before the big ‘pop’ about what colour we thought would come out of the balloon. Thank you to the parents for their activity suggestions. Seb’s mum shared a great idea for another experiment involving blowing up balloons and watching them deflate and move around like fireworks, and Alice and her mum created their own sparkly fireworks at home using pipe cleaners! Following on from this, our friend Benjamin brought a potato into nursery which sparked an interest in vegetables and different foods. We used potatoes to create potato print pictures and even made some food of our own. We made some tiger bread after reading “The Tiger who Came to Tea”, the children reported back that it tasted grrreat!

In Bubble 3, the Ducks and Farmers have been fascinated by the changes to the weather outside as they spend their outdoor play listening to the crunchy leaves that have fallen from the trees surrounding the play area. The staff capitalised on this interest and used it as a springboard to learn about the different weathers and what causes them. Following this, the children used natural materials they found outside to create ‘Nature Crowns’ which they wore home. The staff have also been focusing on school readiness as they used this as an opportunity to plan some early phonic skill activities involving identifying environmental sounds. The children went on an environmental sound hunt and heard different sounds such as the wind, leaves crunching and birds singing. As Autumn arrives, it brings with it a change in weather and also a variety of different autumnal colours in the natural surroundings. This was the influence for their most recent topic which is ‘Colour’ where the children will be learning about colour mixing.



Fundraising update

As we reported in the last newsletter, we will be supporting the RSPCA as our chosen charity going forward. As part of our efforts to support this charity, we are sponsoring a dog. Our dog is named Ginger. Ginger is a fluffy pup who loves exploring the outdoors (much like our children do!) She is about to start her guide dog training and needs our help to do this. Over the next few weeks we will be brainstorming ideas of how to fundraise for this worthy cause whilst adhering to the Covid-19 restrictions. If you have any creative ideas, please feel free to share by speaking to a member of staff or sending this in on ParentZone/email!



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