



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 24th April 2023

Our ducklings are in school and have hatched out successfully. What a wonderful experience! We will be continuing our topic of 'Habitats' this half term but also watching our ducklings grow and change. We will learn how to take care of them.

We will be starting a new book 'The Gruffalo'. We will be making our own story maps and rehearsing the story. We will be accessing lots of Gruffalo writing opportunities continuing to explore the story using our tuff tray.

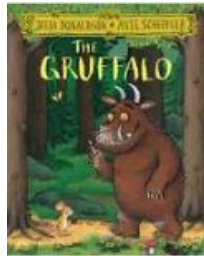
In RE we continue our topic of Easter. We will be thinking about the events of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus.

Focus words this week: Duckling, shell, delicate, incubator, brooder

Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

The Gruffalo



Maths Focus:

Counting on to add



Encourage your child to count on by holding a number in their head or in their fist (for example 5) and add three more using their fingers.... 6, 7, 8

Encourage children who find this tricky to count on in steps from any number. Start counting "16..." and ask them to continue counting on.. "17,18,19"



Rhyme of the Week:

Five little ducks went out one day.
Over the hill and far away.
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But only four little ducks came back. 1, 2, 3, 4.

Four little ducks went out one day.
Over the hill and far away.
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But only three little ducks came back. 1, 2, 3.

Three little ducks went out one day.
Over the hill and far away.
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But only two little ducks came back. 1, 2.

Two little ducks went out one day.
Over the hill and far away.
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But only one little duck came back.

Story Time

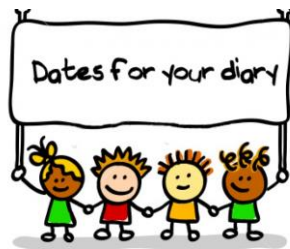
Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

1000 story books will be changed on Mondays this half term.



This week the children will:

- Watch as our ducklings grow and change, help to take care of them and watch them take their first swim.
- Learn more about the Easter story and Jesus' resurrection.
- Continue work on talk 4 writing book (The Gruffalo) and draw our own story maps.
- Sort animals into their habitats and begin to think about their similarities and differences
- Create a habitat for insects outside on a large scale and add to it each week
- Play in our new role play area - investigating minibeasts!
- Be confident counting forwards and backwards
- Know how to find one more and one less
- Know what habitat means by exploring outdoors and looking at photos
- Explore our new curiosity cube
- Writing labels, lists and information linked to our new topic
- Using our Gruffalo tuff tray to tell the story in their own words



Sunday 23rd April at 8.30am School and Parish Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Darlaston.

Tuesday 24th April at 11am School Easter Mass in the school hall. Parents welcome

Monday 1st May BANK HOLIDAY – school closed

Thursday 4th May May Procession in school at 2pm

Friday 5th May King Charles III Coronation celebrations in school – come to school dressed in red, white & blue.

Monday 8th May BANK HOLIDAY – school closed

Friday 26th May Break up at 3.15pm for Half term