

Welcome to Ducklings

Knights and Castles

Autumn 2023

Literacy

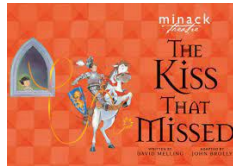
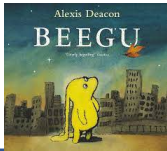
We will be using our phonics scheme, **Little Wandle**, <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

to start our phonics journey with Phase 2 sounds. We will share our weekly learning by putting sheets in book bags and sending it via Parent App..



We will be learning letter formation focusing on how to form the letters in the phonics we have learnt.

We will be listening to adventure stories and thinking about the characters in books.



Maths

In mathematics we will be building on what children already know about counting, recognising and ordering numbers to 5 and beyond. We will explore patterns in numbers and our environment.

We will be subitizing, looking for groups to quickly recall a number- like recognizing spots on a dice, not counting them.



Please help at home by practicing counting to 10 then beyond saying one more and one less. Using the White Rose Maths App.



Physical

During discovery learning time in the classroom we will be helping the children to build up their strength and coordination for their fine motor movements such as using scissors and holding pens, pencils and brushes.

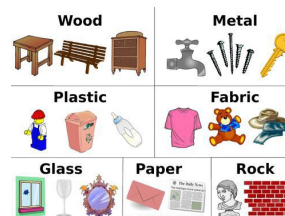
P.E. lessons with Mr Mitchell on Thursdays. They will be focusing on throwing and catching and working as a team.

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Understanding the World

We will be finding out about Knights and Castles and who lives at Arundel castle. We will be visiting Arundel castle to find out more.



We will be finding out about materials and their properties.

Communication and language

During all aspects of school life we will be modelling vocabulary and encouraging children to use language to explain their needs, describe their experiences and to extend their role play. We will share stories daily and ask questions surrounding the stories.

We will be encouraging independence.



Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will working on getting to know each other, listening, sharing and turn taking skills. Children will build up their confidence in speaking about being unique and their similarities and differences.

They will be encouraged to be independent.

Expressive Arts

We will be exploring all sorts of mark making and representing. Using pens, pencils, chalk, paint, charcoal. Children will explore playdough, salt dough, junk modelling. We will draw pictures of Castles. We will explore using wheels and axles to make moving vehicles.



Good Learners

Playing and exploring- We will encourage children to wonder, to find out, explore and to be willing to 'have a go'.

Active learning- We will encourage children be involved, to concentrate and to keep trying to achieve what they set out to do.

Creating and thinking critically- We will encourage children to have their own ideas, to make links and to choose ways to do things

Tapestry Journal

We will use Tapestry Online journal to record some of your child's significant achievements in school. We would love to see what your child is doing at home too so please feel free to share pictures and comments with us via the online journal.

How Can We Help at Home?

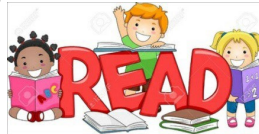
- Encourage your child to be independent and dress themselves.
- Share a book together regularly and talk about what you have read.
- Read a range of different types of books as often as you can to expand vocabulary and understanding of different types of text.
- Count objects, look for patterns, name shapes.

Reading

Please read with your child every day to foster a love of books.

Your children will initially bring a Little Wandle picture book home, then a phase 2 book weekly, please ensure they use phonics as the way to decode them.

They will also bring a 'book for pleasure' home each week for you to share with them. We change our books on Monday.



Questions...?

Should you have any worries, questions or concerns, please feel free to come and see us (at the end of the School day is usually the best time)



Kind regards



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