

Medium Term Planning
Topic Book – How Billy Duck learned to swim by Martin Waddell.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Using the contents of the book to look at ducks/ducklings and the life cycle of an egg, and to look at water, where it comes from, its uses and the affects it has on other materials. Also to introduce colour mixing and simple opposites. To cover the story of Mothering Sunday and Easter.

Personal, social, emotional development
 Look at the rhyme 5 little ducks and talk about it, why did the mother quack so loudly, was she cross etc? Compare the duck family to our families.

Introduce the children to the festival of Holi using Espresso clips to support learning.

Introduce Mothering Sunday and discuss why we say thanks to our mums for everything they do for us.

Introduce the children to the story of Easter and the reasons for celebrating Easter. Begin to make cards.

Also see separate Entrust PSED programme and RE planning.

Communication and language
 Introduce the children to the book and each week read the book together, allowing the children to take the lead where able to with known words, sentences, final words and repeated words. Talk about aspects of the book, the story sequence and what the children have learnt already.

Rhyming games.

Cross curricular speaking and listening activities.

Also see separate English plans that include a range of opportunities for C&L

Physical Development
 Fine motor skills – practising pencil, pen and brush control, using scissors to cut and small toys and play dough to improve finger control.

Also see separate PE programme

Literacy
 Each week phonics work following Jolly Phonics learning the sounds and applying them to write words and sentences

Look at a variety of non fiction books linked with the topic

Name and handwriting practice

Literacy work linked to topic and different genres.

Rhyming games

Also see separate English plan – 3 week narrative, 2 week non-fiction and 1 week poetry

Mathematics
 Weekly maths challenges

Number writing

Continuous provision

See separate maths planning – numbers to 10 and shape, space and measure.

Understanding the world
 Investigate ducks, look at various pictures, toys and other types of ducks to compare.

Look at life cycles of an egg and other animals.

The duck didn't like water, What is water? Investigate it and talk about its uses, washing, cleaning, mixing etc, Look at floating and sinking.

Introduce the start of Spring and the changes it has on the outside world and the weather. Walk outside to look.

Discuss where rain comes from and go outside to look at clouds. Make clouds.

Decide on materials needed for Easter card then assemble them to make an egg hatching picture.

Expressive arts and design
 Talk about making the home corner into a shop like the shop in the story. working with children to make catalogues etc. Model role playing

Make pictures of ducks using feathers, cotton wool & paint, tissue etc.

Pictures to be used on wall display, 1 child make mother duck.

Make Mothering Sunday cards.

Look at shades of blue, mixing with white, green etc., then with water and paint, make rain drops for display

Make Chick for Easter card, make Easter nest cakes.