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Teaching Ideas

Dear Parents,

Here are some activities that you can do with your child, some activities are based on the story of the 'Ugly Duckling'. At this time of year, the children could go out to the canal or the park to watch the ducklings. As always, we don't expect you to complete all of these activities – they are meant to be fun learning ideas that may help guide you in these unusual times.

We are missing all of the children very much!

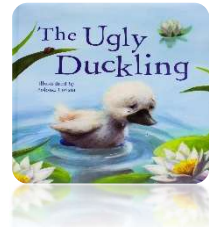
As always, please check in again next Monday for some new ideas.

Many thanks,

Mrs Slater, Miss Richardson and Miss Larkin

Activity 1 – Reading

- Let's listen to 'Ugly Duckling' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQ6YYzmkBMs>
- Talk about the story together:
 - Why are the other animals unkind to the ugly duckling?
 - Discuss that the ducklings are unkind because the ugly duckling was different. Is this a good way to behave?
 - Was the duckling really a baby duck? He grew up to be a swan so he must have been a cygnet.



Activity 2 – Writing

- Can you draw and label some of the characters/objects in the story eg duck, nest, egg, cow, goat, frog.
- Make a story map.
- Take a photo of you and your family looking at/feeding the ducks in the park, write a simple caption to match eg I can see a duck
- A good phonics site <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/index.htm> this is currently available free to use and has some fun games for children.
- A link to a fun phonics snakes and ladders game:
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Activity 3 – Understanding the World

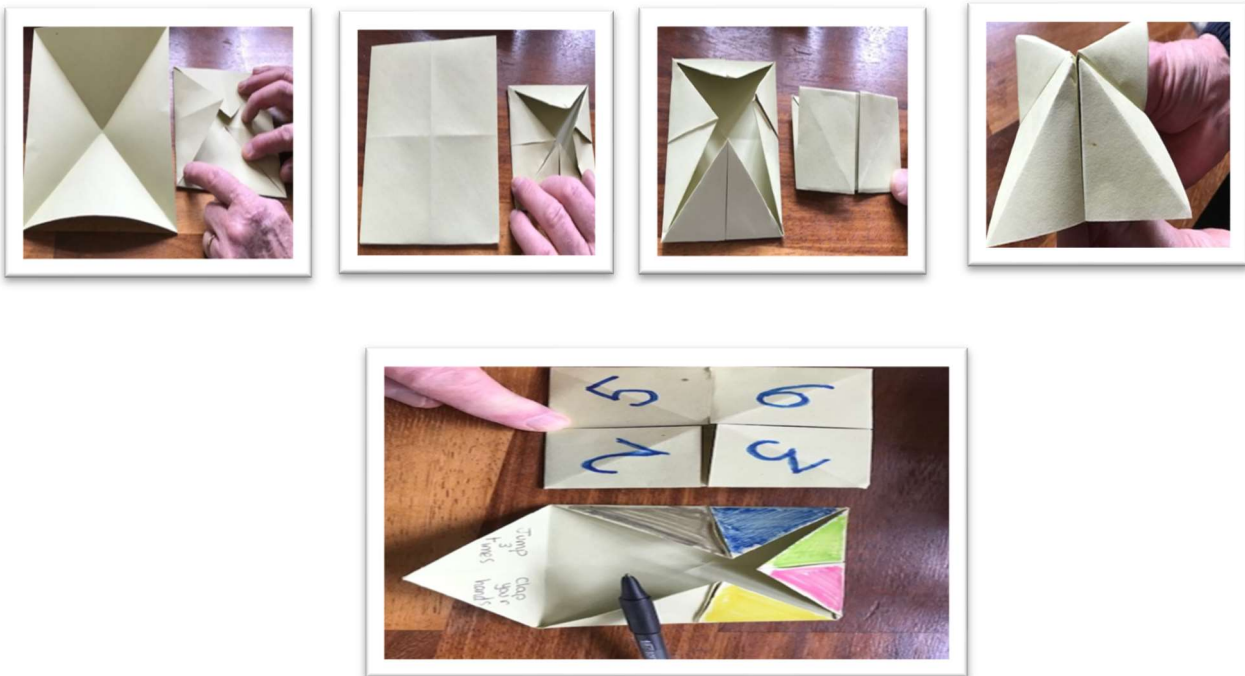
- Can you find out any facts about swans or ducks?
 - What do they eat?
 - Where do they live?
 - Can they fly?

Activity 4 –Physical Development

- **Follow the leader:** Add to the workout with energetic movements such as jumping, stomping, and squatting.
- **Simon says** add actions like jump, make a funny face, stand tall like a house, stand on one foot, wave your hands.

Activity 5 – Mathematics

- A good snakes and ladders game <https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/games/snakes-and-ladders>
- Make a number Fortune Teller (illustrated below):



1. Place it flat on the table.
2. Write numbers on the squares.
3. Turn it over and colour the triangles.
4. Each one should be a different colour.
5. Now lift each triangle and write an action underneath it. Each one should have a different action.

See suggested actions below...

Fold it all back as it was, insert your thumbs and ask someone to choose a number - these are some questions you could write underneath your number:

Jump 3 times Clap your hands 5 times Do 4 bunny hops

Do 6 wing flaps Stick out your tongue Wiggle your fingers

Take 8 steps on tiptoe Do a head-over-heels Hop 3 times

Say your name backwards Write your name backwards

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- Talk to children about things they are thankful for, look through magazines, papers and clipart
- Children can cut out and stick and say what they are thankful for or even draw a picture
- Remember to look at the school website and the Religious Education section which has some great ideas. The Romero Cross activity is very accessible.

