

Duck & Goose by Tad Hills

Tad Hills gives us the beloved feathered friends Duck & Goose! Duck and Goose have to work at getting along. You see, Duck doesn't much care for Goose at first, and Goose isn't fond of Duck. But both want the egg that each claims to be his. As the two tend to their egg, and make plans for the future, they come to appreciate one another's strengths. And when a bluebird points out that it isn't really an egg—it's a polka dot ball—the two are not dismayed. After all, it is a lovely ball. . . .

Genre: animals, friendship, adventure

Themes: compromise, sharing, nature, competition

Age: 5-7

Activities:

1. Help pupils create a venn diagram of the similarities between ducks and geese. You could show a picture of each to help! Count the differences and similarities. Are they more similar or difference? (CC links: Science, Maths)
2. Duck & Goose mistake a ball for an egg! Using any materials that you have available, ask pupils to design and make a nest. The nest needs to be able to protect bird eggs should it fall out of a tree. What will they use? How will they test it? (CC: STEM)
3. Duck and Goose have to compromise when looking after the 'egg' and sometimes don't find it easy. Ask pupils to think about a time when they had to compromise with a family member or friend. What did they learn about compromise? Pupils can share their ideas with the rest of the class. (CC links: PSHE)
4. Research project: How do birds hatch? Have recall the things Duck and Goose say are important to helping the 'egg' hatch and compare this with what really happens in the natural world. (CC links: Science)
5. What makes a good friend? By the end of the story Duck and Goose are much kinder together. Have pupils create a spider diagram of all the things they think make a good friend. (CC links: PSHE)

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