



Intake Farm Ducklings (Nursery) newsletter

September 2023

Dear Parents/carers

I would like to welcome back all the children into the Foundation Stage and an especially big welcome to all our new children.

This half term we will be looking at the topic of Ourselves

Our key question is 'Who am I?'

In Literacy we will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books and talking about the what is similar and different about us. We do daily phonic sessions, we learn about different sounds around us and the sounds that the letters make.



Every week we have a letter of the week. We encourage the children to bring in an object from home that begins with the letter. We will be sending home letter cards for you to look at with your child. We ask that when you are working with your child please concentrate on the sounds that the letters make and not just their letter name.

Reading books are changed on a Wednesday. Please bring your book wallet in then. We ask that you do not buy a school book bag, as these are given for free later on in the year. Thank you



In Maths we will be working with 2D shapes and learning their names. The main focus will be finding out about numbers, their value, recognising familiar numbers and counting in order. We have a number of the week and activities around the area will set up for this.



In Understanding the World, we will be exploring the different senses we have and our physical features. We will be baking cakes and talking about celebrations that we have in our home. We will be looking at how much we have changed and grown, please can you send in or email a baby picture so we can talk about how much we have changed. We will be thinking about our history and where we live. We will be talking about Harvest Festival and baking bread.

In Expressive Arts and Design we will be painting pictures of ourselves, we will be exploring different materials to make pictures. We will make a junk model town. We will make an autumn picture using natural materials. We will be playing with instruments to find out the different sounds they make.



We have daily physical activity, children go out for at least 30 minutes a day (unless extreme weather conditions) we ask you always to bring a coat and keep a named pair of wellies at school. PE in the hall is on a **Wednesday**, please dress your child ready for PE, for example joggers or leggings and no jewellery. We ask that the children do not wear scarfs or wear sandals for health and safety reasons. Please remember to label all your belongings, including bags , shoes and coats. Thank you

In PSED we will be talking about making new friends and understanding the new rules of the Foundation Stage.



Our aim is to make learning enjoyable. If you have any questions about the Foundation Stage or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to talk to a member of staff. We may not be able to talk to you straight away because of the safety of our children, but will talk to you as soon as we can.

On a safety note we ask that you drop your child off at the black gate and do not enter the building, this stops congestion and also lets the children settle quickly into their learning. At the end of your child's session we will hand your child over to you at the black gate. Please stand in a space so we can easily see you and hand your child over safely.

We thank you for your co-operation.

Thank you

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‘Together, we can achieve anything’

SPECIAL REQUEST

We use lots of flour, salt, cream of tartar, oil, rice, butter, cornflour, different shaped pasta and bubble bath, so if you are out shopping or have any spare in your cupboard we would be ever so grateful for donations.

We are also in need of old pots and pans, big spoons and ladles as well as any spare rolls of wall paper.

Thank you in advance from the Ducklings



