



Ducks Class Newsletter

September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your children into Ducks class! It is great to see the children so excited to start the new year in their new class! This half term, we will be learning about ourselves, answering our **key question: 'Who am I?'** We have started learning about ourselves, each other and our families, exploring our similarities and differences.

In Literacy, we will be developing our exploration of writing through Drawing Club. Through Drawing Club children will develop their mark making, drawing characters, settings and solving problems. Children will use their pencil to create magic codes that give meaning to their marks.



We have daily Anima Phonics sessions, in which children will develop their listening skills and work on identifying the sounds in words. Children will learn new phonemes (sounds) each week, and the graphemes (letters) that represent them. We will then work on using these to begin segmenting words to read and write. Your child will be provided with Anima Phonics flashcards to practise at home, in addition to reading their Anima Phonics book. Children will also have a reading book matched to their book band, that will be changed when they become confident with it. Please support your child by reading with them at home and ensure that they bring their book bag to school every day.



In Maths, we are developing our awareness of routines and exploring positional language. We will also identify similarities and differences, through lots of sorting and matching, before moving onto comparing amounts. We will be comparing length, height, mass and capacity as well as exploring repeating patterns. We will also practise our rote counting to ten and begin to explore 1:1 correspondence to count objects, sounds and actions.



This half term, we will be developing our understanding of the world through lots of investigation. We will be exploring our physical features and using our senses to investigate a range of objects, images and sounds, as well as baking bread and cakes. We will also be thinking about our families, our homes and our history.

In Expressive Arts and Design, we will be exploring our creativity through a range of materials including paint, collage and natural objects. We will be creating self-portraits and constructing houses.

Children will be learning outside every day (unless extreme weather conditions). Please ensure that your child brings a warm, waterproof coat, hat and gloves (no scarves, please, due to health and safety, snoods are fine). Please ensure that your child has appropriate school shoes for exploring the outdoor environment.



Every week, we have Fresh Air Friday where children engage in outdoor learning throughout the day, whatever the weather. Children will all need to wear wellies for Fresh Air Friday. Please provide a pair of wellies (labelled) for your child to **keep in school**. A spare pair of socks in your child's book bag, may also be useful on a Friday.

We have a weekly PE session, on a Friday. Please bring your child to school dressed ready for PE and appropriate for the weather (for example joggers or leggings, trainers and no earrings). For the first half term we will be doing multi skills, developing strength, balance and coordination!

We will have regular circle times where we will work on our Personal, Social and Emotional development, practising our listening skills and turn taking. During these sessions, children will explore right and wrong and school rules as well as similarities and differences between themselves and their friends.

Our aim is to make children happy at school and enjoy learning. 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 children, but will talk to you as soon as we can.



Thank you!

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Dates to remember:

- * Inset day - Monday 23rd September
- * Visit to Green's Windmill & Science Centre - Friday 11th October

Reminders

- * PE is every **Friday**.
- * Library books changed every Friday.
- * Please make sure **all** clothing and belongings are labelled.
- * Please avoid sending children to school with bags (other than book bags), unless necessary, and **do not** allow children to bring any toys or teddies to school from home.
- * Please send your child to school with a **labelled water bottle** to use throughout the day.

Together, we can achieve anything!