



Ducks Autumn Term

Newsletter



Welcome to Ducks Class!

Ducks Class have had an amazing start at Ashgate in our class. They have all settled well into their new school/ new class and have created positive relationships with the staff members.

Snack and Cooking

A range of healthy snacks are offered to the children every morning including toast, raisins, crackers, bread sticks and cereal. As well as this we will be having cooking/ food sensory play sessions so we are asking for a contribution of £1 a week to put towards the ingredients.

Communication

Communication is a key part to our ethos in Ducks Class and we want to make this the best we can for you all. We have set up a class dojo page where we will put up a story each day of what we have done and will ensure to message you privately for any key messages or information from the day. Please also, keep an eye out for events and letters which will be posted on the class dojo page.

It is always very helpful to know any key information from the evening or weekend such as if they have slept etc. If you could ensure to inform us verbally during drop off or on class dojo, this would be very much appreciated.

If you would like a more detailed conversation about our class or about your child, please let us know by either class dojo message, email s.hazlehurst@ashgate.manchester.sch.uk or inform the staff members verbally and they will ensure to pass it on to myself and I will contact you with the best time for a phone call or in person.

If you are struggling with class dojo or would prefer a different way of communication, please let me know.

Key Information

- Drop off/ Start Time is **9am-9:15am**. We cannot open the door till 9am as before this time we are collecting children from the buses and ensuring the classroom is set up ready for the arrival of the children. If you are running a bit late (after 9:20am), please take your child to the office and they will phone down to class as this is when the gates and register closes.
- End of the Day is **3:00pm-3:15pm**. You can collect from 3pm (if it is slightly earlier this due to other siblings and we are aware this is ok) but cannot access the carpark till the buses have gone. If you are struggling with either the start or end of the day times, please inform Ducks staff members and we will speak to SLT and support you the best we can.
- Parents Evening will be in November- more information to be sent out closer to the time.
- Near the end of the term, we will invite parents into class for the session. More information will be sent out closer to the date.
- This term, we will be planning trips/ outing to the community. We will inform you of any plans we have.

What are they learning this term?

In Ducks Class, we ensure your child has lots of opportunities to engage in a range of subjects and activities to support their development and learning as well as focusing on individual targets. I will message you privately with your child's individual targets.

You will find our class timetable on our class dojo page as well as our class page on our website.

Our topic this term is Families and Homes.

Autumn Term 1 Topic Book: Owl Babies

Autumn Term 2 Topic Book: The Gruffalo

Below are our curriculum area's and what we are focusing on this term.

Communication and Literacy:

- Introduce and demonstrate a range of communication methods (Sign language, symbols, Project Core, verbal and objects of reference). Each child will have an individual communication target which will be focused on daily.
- Phonics- Animal Sounds and introducing letter sounds. (Phrase 2)
- Exploring books and learning book skills such as turning pages.
- Exploring fine motor skills through a range of activities,

Maths

- Number- Exploring, Counting, Recognising
- Shapes—Exploring and Recognising

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

- 'About Me'- Exploring who they are, recognising their pictures.
- Family- Recognising family members
- Exploring animals and the animals homes.

PH-RSE

- Self-awareness and making relationships

Creative and Expressive Arts

- Cooking- Food exploration/ mixing/ pouring
- Art- Exploring paint, sticking and different textures

Physical Activity

- Climbing/ Jumping/ Balancing
- Ball Skills such as throwing, kicking, rolling
- Movement- beginning to copy actions and joining in with dance and movement

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you are happy with how well your child has settled into Ducks Class.

Shannon and the rest of Ducks Team