



# Ducks Summer Term



## Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Ducks Class had an incredible Spring Term and made so much progress in all areas. It is so lovely to see how settled the children are and watching their confidence and personalities grow. We are excited to spend another term with your children and continuing working towards their individual targets.

Thank you again for your continued support.

### 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

Class Dojo- As a class, we aim to put a post up daily about what your child has been up to but with the busy days we have, sometimes we may be delayed. If there is anything you would like to know about the day, please just ask us or send us a message on class dojo. If we have something important, we will ensure to message you at the end of the day.

As always, it is 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 or need a more detailed conversation, please let us know and we can organise a phone call or meeting before or after school.

### Key Information/ What's New This Term:

- On Thursdays, we will be having Shadow Dance with Lucy. This is a sensory dance session linking to our topic book, where the children will be encouraged to explore movement to different music.
- We will continue to have swimming every Wednesday. Please ensure you send in your child's swimming kit (swimming costume, towel and swim pad) every week in case it is your child's turn to swim as we will have a set timetable but this may change if children are off .
- **Staff movement-** Unfortunately, Claire has moved to another class in school. We will miss having Claire as a Duck.

### Staff in Ducks Class:

Shannon (Teacher), Hayley N (TA3), Molly (TA1), Wendy (TA1/ LSA)

**New Staff:** Hayley D will be joining us from 29/04/26. She will be working in Ducks on a Tuesday, Wednesday morning and Friday.

## **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.

If you would like to know where your child is up to with their targets, please let me know and I can send across their Spring Assessment.

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 Plants**

Topic Book: 'The Enormous Turnip'

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

#### Communication and Literacy:

- Children will continue to work on developing their communication using their preferred method of communication.
- Phonics- Animal and Transport Sounds and letter sounds. (Phrase 2)
- To continue working on their reading skills such as turning pages etc. and beginning to answer questions related to the book.
- To work on developing their tracing and mark making skills.

#### Maths

- Number- Exploring, Counting, Recognising
- Shapes—Exploring and Recognising
- Measure- To explore capacity and volume through play and experiments.
- Time- To explore day and night as well as the days of the week

#### Knowledge and Understanding of the World

- To explore different plants and colours,
- To explore growing food, vegetables and plants.

#### PH-RSE

- Exploring emotions.
- Turn taking and Sharing
- Independence
- Healthy Living

#### Creative and Expressive Arts

- Cooking- Food exploration/ mixing/ pouring
- Art- Exploring paint, sticking and different textures
- Music- Exploring instruments and sounds.

#### Physical Activity

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