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PRE-SCHOOL NEWS – AUTUMN 2

Welcome Back

It has been so lovely to welcome your children into Ducklings Class. We hope they have enjoyed their first term at school and we look forward to discussing their progress so far at our upcoming parents' consultation meetings. Please do book an appointment through Arbor if you have not already done so. We are also available to chat with at the beginning or end of each day or you can send non-urgent messages through Class Dojo.

Love 2 Read

Children bring home a reading for pleasure book from the library each week. Please share this book with your child and enjoy talking about it together.

Each week we focus on a nursery rhyme in class and send it home for you as well. Please practise singing it together. You can see the nursery rhyme videos we use on the Little Wandle website here.

This term, pre-schoolers will also begin daily phonics sessions. They won't be learning to recognise letters yet but will be practising hearing and discriminating sounds and rhymes.

Class Dojo

Thank you for signing up for Class Dojo. We encourage you to use the app to see messages and photos from school. Please be aware that we will not be using any of the paid features of the app so you do not need to sign up for any kind of subscription.

School Clothing

It is an expectation that children in our class will access both indoor and outdoor learning, no matter the weather. Water, mud and sand play are part of our continuous provision and children may get wet or muddy in their play.

Please ensure your child wears appropriate clothing: nothing precious and with fastenings they can manage themselves when going to the toilet etc. Many pre-school families do choose to send their children in the Pytchley school uniform, which is easy to care for, but this is not compulsory.

Children should bring a coat every day, and it is helpful to have wellies and a puddlesuit for Forest School on Wednesdays.

Value of the term

Our Value of the Term is Friendship.
For more information check out our worship page on the website



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TERMLY OVERVIEW

Pytchley Curriculum Focus: Celebrations

Learning in Pre-School

In Pre-School we ensure that we follow the children's interests so that many of the learning opportunities occur when the children are engaged in play of their own choosing.

We focus on fostering the characteristics of effective learning – behaviours which children need in order to become effective learners.
This term we will particularly focus on
· Finding out and exploring
· Playing with what they know
· Being willing to have a go and persisting when challenges occur.

Communication and Language

We will focus on the children:
• Joining in with repeated refrains from new stories
• Using "but" and "and" to extend spoken sentences
• Being able to articulate in more detail when prompted

We will focus on listening skills and support children to:
• Continue to develop good listening skills—look at the speaker, keep lips closed whilst someone else is speaking, face the person who is speaking
• Ask questions to find out information

Literacy

Key Nursery Rhymes: Hey Diddle Diddle, Jack and Jill, A Sailor Went to Sea.

Children will continue to listen and respond to a range of stories, rhymes and songs.

In Phonics learning they will start to be introduced to individual sounds and hearing them at the beginning of words. They will play lots of listening games to support with this.

Personal, Social and Emotional

Children will continue to learn the expectations of our classroom and will be able to demonstrate the routines they already know, following rules without always needing to be prompted by an adult.

They will continue to build relationships with their peers and adults in the school.

They will select and use resources confidently within the classroom, asking for help when needed.

Maths

Our Maths learning will focus on

- Recognising, counting, subitising and providing 1, 2 or 3 objects.
- Exploring position and space.
- Joining in with repeats when looking at patterns.

Understanding the World

We will continue learning about the seasons and we will continue to explore the signs of Autumn.

We will be learning about some different celebrations people take part in such as Diwali, Bonfire Night, Advent and Christmas.

We will also be exploring light, dark and shadows.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be:
• Engaging in role play experiences
• Making small worlds which represent something
• Exploring materials to develop their ideas freely
• Exploring colour

Physical Development

Both fine and gross motor development is embedded in our curriculum throughout every day. Children have opportunities to develop their movement, balancing, climbing and riding wheeled toys through our outdoor provision. Across the curriculum children are encouraged to use one handed tools and resources which develop their fine motor skills. We also encourage independence in managing clothing, footwear and toileting. This term we will be encouraging the children to use large muscle movements to make marks/ wave streamers/ paint.