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RECEPTION 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 in Reception 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

Thank you for all your support so far with the children's reading books and home learning sheets. As a reminder, reading books usually come home on a Thursday and we ask you to return them on Tuesdays. We suggest you share a reading book with your child three times a week and look at their letter cards as often as you can. Library books are changed on Fridays – these are books for you to share with your child, not for your child to read alone.

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.

Collective Worship

The theme for Worship this term is FRIENDSHIP. We hold a special celebration worship every Friday from 3pm, to which parents/carers are invited. Please just turn up! You will also be invited if your son/daughter is due to receive a certificate. Children are welcome to bring achievements from home to share in celebration worship, such as certificates from after-school clubs. For more information check out our worship page on the website



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

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TERMLY OVERVIEW

Pytchley Curriculum Focus: Celebrations

Communication and Language

This term we will focus on extending our sentences when we talk and improving our listening skills.
The children will join in with repeated refrains from new stories and grow in confidence when speaking in front of the class.
Adults will provide sentence stems to develop children's conversational skills and children will use more detail when they talk about an object or a character.
Children will be able to demonstrate good listening skills: looking at the speaker, not talking whilst someone else is speaking. They will also ask questions that link to what they have heard, for example, asking a question to find out more information.

English

Key Texts: Jack's Amazing Shadow by Tom Percival, Whatever Next by Jill Murphy, Stick Man by Julia Donaldson

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

The children will continue to learn new letter-sound correspondences in Phonics. They will continue to practise blending to read and will be learning to segment sounds in order to blend and write short words.

Physical Development

In PE the children will be completing our first Dance unit and also learning ball skills, especially controlling the ball with our hands by pushing. We will be beginning formal handwriting sessions too.

Music

Focus: Celebrations

Children will learn about music from a range of celebrations.

Maths

1,2,3,4,5

Children will find, recognise and subitise 4 and 5. They will be able to find 1 more and 1 less when working within 5 and they will explore the composition of numbers to 5.

Shapes with 4 sides

Children will identify and name shapes with four sides. They will combine these shapes together and look for them in their environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be exploring:
• Printing
• Using salt dough and clay and exploring change of state
• Using tools safely

Artist Study: Mondrian—focus on squares/ rectangles and primary colours.

R.E.

Our RE learning this term focuses on answering the question: Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?

Understanding the World

The children will be learning about:
Bonfire Night, Diwali, Christmas and family celebrations as well as the different ways people celebrate.
Sources of light and the dark
The effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.

Personal Social and Emotional

The children will be: exploring their friendship groups and continuing to build strong relationships.
Looking for ways to solve problems in their play, asking for help when needed.
Understanding and beginning to manage feelings.
Celebrating their differences.