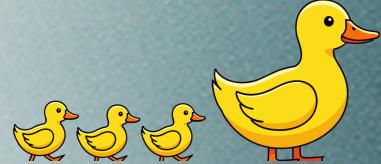




DUCKLINGS – SPRING 2026

Teacher: Mrs Ramos



Teaching Assistants: Mrs Cheesborough,
 Mrs Brotherton (Monday – Thursday),
 Miss Churchill (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday pm),
 Miss Foote (Monday pm)
 Mrs Filipkowska (Friday am)
 Miss Foster (Friday pm)

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas time. The children have absolutely loved telling us all about it and we are so pleased that they have had such a lovely break. They have all come back to school eager to learn and very happy to see their friends! We have a very exciting term ahead.

Communication and Language

- Sharing facts about myself
- Familiar experiences
- Rhyming and alliteration
- Developing vocabulary
- Retelling stories
- Using story language
- Following instructions
- Taking turns in conversations

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- Classroom rules and routines
- Emotions
- How to deal with things when I am angry or upset
- Solving problems
- Taking turns
- Building friendships and relationships

Physical

- Developing overall body strength, balance and coordination.
- Developing in ability when dancing to music.
- Developing an effective pencil grip.
- Use tools including scissors with increasing control and skill

Literacy

- Writing words using the sounds we know
- Writing captions using the sounds we know
- Enjoying stories
- Retelling stories
- Role playing characters



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- Christmas
- Revelation
- Islam
- Lent
- Sacraments
- Holy Week

Understanding the World

- Learning about different animals
- Learning about jungle animals
- Learning about farm animals
- Creating animal life cycles
- Learning about minibeasts
- Planting seeds

Expressive Arts and Design

- Joining in with taught songs
- Exploring colour mixing
- Building models using construction equipment
- Watercolour paints
- Role Play



PE and Forest School

Ducklings will have PE on a Monday and forest school on a Tuesday every week. Please send your child with their PE kit in a PE bag clearly labelled to stay at school. Please send your child with their forest school clothes in a labelled bag every Tuesday.



Reading

We have learned many new letter sounds in class now so your child should be able to identify some of these in their reading books while they are reading with you. In class we are working on segmenting letters and then blending them together to solve words, i.e. s-a-t... sat. It would be helpful for children to also practise this skill when reading at home. Please do make sure you are recording their reading in their reading record.



Reading Books and Book Bags

Please make sure reading books and reading records come into school every day. On Wednesdays we take the books and reading records in, and your child will receive new books to bring home on a Thursday.

Library books will be changed once a week. Library and 'Love to read!' books are for you to enjoy with your child; you may like to read to or with them.

Please do record any reading or phonics reading activities you do with your child in this record!

Attendance

It is vital that your child is in school every day and only off if they are really unwell.

Children need to be punctual to school as we start learning as soon as the children arrive at **8.45am**. Any child arriving after 9.00am has already missed 15 minutes learning and often feel anxious as everyone else is already in class and has started their learning for the day.



As always, please contact me if you have any concerns or queries about your child. I look forward to seeing you all again at parents' evening in March.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Ramos

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is dressed smartly and always has the correct uniform on. School shoes are to be worn and not trainers. Long hair needs to be tied back. No jewellery is to be worn. If you have any questions, please ask.

