

Ducklings

Welcome back after half term break. The last few months have been a trying time for everyone therefore we wish to spread the joy and share the fun we have been having in Ducklings class.

Literacy

- continuing to read, tell and share stories with our friends and grown ups.
- using the toys and making props to support our story telling. The adults help us to write them so we can keep, display and share our stories with friends.
- mark making using a variety of materials; water, snow, paint, chalk, flour, mud etc.



Maths

- counting slowly and accurately to 5. We have counted toys, people, jumps, claps, fingers etc.
- using everyday scenarios and equipment to explore the concept of measure, discussing size, capacity, weight and value of things.



Communication and Language

- listening to environmental sounds such as birds, the wind, children, electricity etc.
- listening to familiar songs and stories on our 'radio' singing along and recalling events.



We have been ...



Understanding of the World

- enjoying the winter weather particularly the ice and snow. We observed changes that happened over time
- researching and discussing our favourite animals and their habitats.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- having a go at new challenges and celebrating successes.
- continuing to work together with our friends, communicating clearly our wants and needs.
- taking care of our toys, developing an understanding of the importance of sharing and returning to their homes.



Expressive Art and Design

- exploring how colours change when mixed together.
- using the small world to construct imaginary lands and different habitats.
- role playing familiar events such as cafes and doctor's surgery.



Physical Development

- exploring the importance of space when playing inside and outside.
- developing an understanding of using and transporting and use equipment safely.

This half term Value is.... **Forgiveness**

We will explore the value of forgiveness in everyday scenarios. We will use stories to explore this concept of forgiveness, discussing how things don't always go to plan and how we can solve problems.

Important Dates/Info

- Friday 26th March : **Last day of Spring term**
- Tuesday 13th April: **First Day of Summer term**



We are continuously listening and responding to our children's interest in order to maximise learning opportunities.

Consequently we are always improving our environment. We are currently looking for donations of everyday items you may have lying around the house. If you're keen to support please read Mrs Padian's letter that she shared on Evidence Me for more information.

Parent meetings will continue: Each week 3 different children will continue to be the focus for ***recorded*** observations using the **Evidence Me** app. The nursery team will initially contact the families via letter to arrange a telephone 'meeting' during the following week to discuss their child's learning. Please don't forget to respond to the letter and share some of the exciting things that your children have been doing at home by loading some photos up on the **Evidence Me** app.

Ideas of how you can support your child's learning at home

- Listening tapes/stories. Lots on YouTube but turn off the screen.
- Snuggle up and share a picture book daily.
- Practice zipping up your coat.
- Play pairs—sorting the washing and pairing up the socks or finding two objects the same.
- Go on a puddle walk and discuss the sounds you hear.
- Tell a story, write it down, act it out and share it with someone.
- Practice throwing, catching and kicking a ball.

We are looking forward to a short but busy half term. Keep smiling, be kind to yourself and stay safe!

Mrs Buckingham, Mrs Padian and Miss Turnbull.