

7th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We are really pleased to welcome the children back to the new school year and to Ducks Class. It is really exciting for us both to be returning to teach this class and it will be a wonderful new start for all of us.

Topic

We have some interesting, challenging and fun work to do and we begin our topic work by learning about ...

The Great Fire of London

This topic has been very popular in the past and we will learn all about how the fire started and the impact it had on our capital city. We also compare London in 1666 to London now and Drama and Role Play will feature heavily in our exploration! We hope to have a visit from the Fire Service and we will learn about Fire Safety in time for Bonfire Night.

We will also be learning about the continents of the world and in Science we are looking at the origins and purpose of everyday materials

Religious Education

This term our enquiry is: How does a celebration bring a community together?

Physical Education

This term our PE sessions will be on a Thursday and we ask, as per your recent email, that your child comes into school in their PE kit on Thursdays, they will remain in their kit all day.

Forest Schools is on a Wednesday morning and children should come in their Forest School kit bringing their uniform to change into following the session.

Reading

As before, the children will have their own reading book together with, this time, an A5 green Reading Record in their book bags which gives them the opportunity to share their reading with you at home. There is the opportunity to change books if they have completed their book at home or in school.

The book bags will not necessarily be looked at by an adult every day so if you have any important messages please email us.

We cannot over emphasise the importance of reading and discussing texts at home, as this regular practice significantly improves children's progress and understanding. We aim to set all children up with a Reading Record and a reading book, appropriate for their reading level, by the end of next week.

In addition to reading at home, once we have settled into routine, the children will be heard by a teacher once a week in Guided Reading. These sessions, where children read individually and as part of a small group, provide us with the opportunity to assess their reading and to identify the steps needed for progression. The notes for these sessions do not appear in the children's reading record. All children will continue learning systematic phonics using our Read Write Inc scheme everyday and we would strongly encourage the use of any practise materials Mrs Gascoyne or Miss Evans provided your child with previously at home.

Yours sincerely



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