

Meet the teacher, Ducklings, 9th September 2020

Thank-you to everyone who joined us last week for Meet the Teacher. Here is what we covered during the meeting:

- The children have been adjusting so well to Ducklings, and have enjoyed exploring their new surroundings and getting to know each other and their teachers.
- Throughout the morning we run both child- and adult-led activities that are largely play-based. We cover the early years curriculum, which includes seven areas of learning with a strong focus on communication and language, personal, social and emotional development, and physical development. More information about the curriculum is available on our website.
- There are three members of staff in Ducklings; Mrs Woodward (teacher), Mrs Butt (early years practitioner) and Mrs Ross (teaching assistant). Our early years leader is Mrs Clarke.
- A green box will be left outside nursery each morning for parents to return any slips and forms, or to leave any relevant messages.
- If you would like to talk about your child at any point, or if you have any concerns, please call or email the school and we can arrange a time to talk via phone.
- Please remember that each day your children will need to have a warm waterproof coat, wellies (we do a lot of outdoor learning), a water bottle, and a full change of clothes in a bag to hang on their pegs.
- Please also ensure their name is written on everything – including their water bottles – so nothing gets lost or swapped,

and that there is only water in their bottles. No juice or fizzy drinks please!

- The children will shortly be taking library books home on Fridays in their blue bags, and returning them the following Friday to change them. Please keep these books safe and read to your child as much as possible at home.
- If you have arranged for somebody else to collect your child, please let the office know as soon as possible. We will call the office if we don't recognise anybody who has come to pick up your child to confirm you've given permission.
- The only type of jewellery allowed throughout the school is flat stud earrings. Any jewellery worn for religious reasons must have a letter from a religious leader, since jewellery can be a health and safety risk.
- Some parents have understandably expressed concerns about coming to school and Coronavirus. As with every class in the school, Ducklings remains in its own bubble each day – both inside and outside. The children wash their hands regularly throughout the morning, and if anyone does display symptoms (high fever/cough for example) they will be taken to the medical room immediately.
- Your names will shortly go on to tapestry – our online learning journal. Once you have been added you will be able to see photos of your child and discover a little more about what they get up to during their mornings in Ducklings.