



# Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2 2023

## Ducklings Class



This half term our topic is Space.

**As Readers** we will begin with the story 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' as a focus for our learning for the first week. We will then learn the stories 'How to Catch a Star' and 'The Way Back Home' by the Author Oliver Jeffers. We will focus on rhyme when reading 'The Smeds and the Smoos' by Julia Donaldson. We will continue learning phonic sounds, blending the sounds to read words and learning to write simple words.



**As Writers.** We will continue practicing forming our letters correctly. We will have a go at writing some labels for our pictures and words using the sounds we have learnt in phonics. We will write some instructions as a class for making pancakes, making rockets and how to catch a star!

**As Mathematicians** we will be using our Maths Snack time to explore different areas of Maths skills...these will include matching numerals to amounts, sharing a quantity, number bonds to 10, subtraction and learning o' clock times. We will continue learning all about number in our morning 'Maths Meetings' and explore different maths concepts and equipment in our play too.



**As Scientists and Explorers** we will be experimenting with cooking, starting with pancakes then melting chocolate near Easter. We will be learning the planets and exploring different textures, imagining what the planets are like. We will try to make some rockets move, exploring forces and movement.

We will also look for signs of spring in the garden and talk about new life linked to Easter.



**As Artists** we will use a variety of material, tools and techniques to create models and artwork linked to space, rockets and planets. They will share their creations with others explaining how they have achieved their desired effect.

The children will use role play to recreate stories and songs in their play.

**As learners** we will use our 'COOL time' (Choose Our Own Learning) to become independent, creative and resilient. We use our learning circles to plan what challenges we would like to complete and talk about what they have done well/could improve on, being positive and helpful to our friends. We have some challenge books to record any learning they choose to do.



**In PE** this half term we will continue to develop our throwing and catching skills with various equipment and use the gym equipment to explore different ways to travel with our bodies.



### Other useful information:

Information regarding phonics and reading books will be sent out shortly, please continue to share the books your child brings home daily, or read a story together from home.

Please remember to check all clothes are labelled, including PE and spare clothes.

Snack donation for this half term is £1 per week (20p a day for pre-school) which can be handed straight to one of us in Ducklings, thank you to those who have sent in donations.

We are always looking to refill our junk modelling boxes, if you have any bottles, small boxes, bottle tops or anything shiny in your recycling we would be happy to have them for our creations!

Any questions please do ask Mrs Jenkinson or myself.