



Debden C of E Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are absolutely delighted to be able to welcome you all to Duckling Class. We hope you all had a very enjoyable Summer and are well rested.

Staffing

This year the staffing in Duckling Class will be as follows:

Mrs Caparelli –Monday to Friday

Mrs Acland- Thursday afternoons

This year the support staff in Duckling class will be Mrs Cameron and Mrs Dixon.

Curriculum

In the EYFS, we learn through play and children's interest which can take us on some wonderful learning journeys. Each half term we will have an overarching theme or topic to support this. Please find attached our topic web for this half term- 'This is Me!'

Settling In

We are excited to find out all about the children and their items in their 'All About Me' box! We will be sharing these over the next week so please do bring in when ready. Over their first weeks at school, your child will experience lots of new things including eating school lunch, dressing for PE and outdoor provision, playing on the school playground. Please do practise skills such as using cutlery, zipping coats, fastening buttons to support their transition into the school community. **Additionally, please ensure ALL items (including uniform) belonging to your child are labelled.**

Tapestry

You will now have received your child's Tapestry login via email. Please do activate if you have not done so yet as the link will expire. Tapestry is used as tool to observe and track children's learning in the classroom. We welcome parents adding observations or events that happen at home. We will sometimes share Tapestry observations during carpet time- it is great tool for discussion and interaction within the class. If you need any help with Tapestry logins, please do not hesitate to ask.

WOW moments

At Debden, we believe it is important to celebrate the successes of all children- whether that be writing their name or tying shoelaces independently. All successes show progress in a child's development. These successes will be celebrated through our wow moment display in our cloakroom. Wow moment slips will be placed in each child's book bag which parents can complete and send back. These will be displayed and then added to children's special books. If you need another slip, please do ask at drop off or pick up.

Outdoor Provision and Forest School



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At Debden we are extremely lucky to have a rich, exciting outdoor area that the children can access each day. They will need a pair of wellies to keep under their peg. Please ensure your child has weather suitable hat/ coat etc. during the different seasons of the year i.e warm coat, hat and gloves during Wintertime and sun-cream and sunhat during Sunnier times. Each Friday morning Ducklings will venture down to our Forest School. Mrs Dixon will lead this session. The children will need to wear appropriate clothing including layers, long sleeves/ trousers, sturdy shoes such as wellies and a warm coat. Please use old clothes and let your child know that at Forest School they CAN GET DIRTY, and you don't mind! Please see an example of how this might look:



As the children will be settling into new routines over the first few weeks, we will inform parents of the date of our first Forest School session.

PE

Ducklings will have their formal PE lesson on Thursdays. As part of our EYFS curriculum, children will learn to dress independently. Therefore, they will get changed for PE at school before their lesson. Your child will need to keep their PE kit on their peg and will be sent home half termly. PE kit consists of white t shirt, black shorts/ tracksuit bottoms and trainers. **Again, please ensure ALL items are labelled.** Earrings are not permitted, therefore please can these be removed on PE days. Our first PE session will be Thursday 14th September.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office who will forward any correspondence to myself.



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Best Wishes,

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