

Debden C of E Primary Academy

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable Easter break and are well rested for the Summer term.

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. This term's theme is 'Down at the Bottom of the Garden'. Please find attached our topic web for this half term.

PE

Ducklings will have their formal PE lesson on Mondays. As part of our EYFS curriculum, children will learn to dress independently. Therefore, it is really important they bring their PE kit and leave it at school on their peg. PE kit consists of white t shirt, black shorts/ tracksuit bottoms and trainers. **Please ensure ALL items are labelled-** *lots of items were unlabelled last term meaning children didn't always have their correct kit.* Please remember to tie up hair and remove earrings on PE days.

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.

Supporting Learning at Home

Ducklings are learning new things all the time and they will often bring this learning home to consolidate. Please remember to read with your child every day. This includes practising the sound cards or key words they have brought home that week also. Additionally, children can practise their reading and comprehension using their E-Books assigned on Bug Club. Their logins can be found on the inside of their reading journal. Books will be assigned each half term. This term, the children will bring home number bonds and number facts to learn. These bonds and number facts are part of the Early Learning Goal assessments at the end of Reception. Again, please practise these little and often in fun, engaging ways. Here are some websites to support this learning too:

- <https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/tenFrame/index.html>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdPA2YHIdqU>
- <https://wordwall.net/en-gb/community/number-bonds-to-10-matching-pairs>

Finally, the children will be bringing home 'letter families' to secure their handwriting and letter formation. It is important children form letters using the systems we practise at school. Please practise these letters individually and in words.

As with all school trips/events, we rely on voluntary contributions to support educational visits. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions such visits may have to be cancelled.

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Outdoor Provision and Forest School

Please ensure your child has weather suitable hat/ coat etc. Please can we suggest sun-cream and sunhat during sunnier times. We will not be able to apply sun-cream at school. Ducklings will continue with Forest School on Friday mornings. Please look out for emails from the office of these dates. 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 waterproof coat. Please use old clothes and let your child know that at Forest School they CAN GET DIRTY, and you don't mind! Our first Forest School session this term will be **Friday 25^h April**

Preparing for Year 1

Over the coming term, we will be preparing the Ducklings for their transition into Year 1. This may include more formal, structured learning sessions, break times etc. At the end of the term, the children will be assessed against the Early Learning Goals (including high frequency words and number bonds). Please do practise these at home with your child. Additionally, please support your child with their independence such as dressing/ undressing, fastening shoes, organising their bookbag, zipping up coat etc.

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

Best Wishes,

Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Auty

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