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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable half term. We are looking forward to a busy final half term in Ducklings class.

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 'Splish, Splash, Splosh!'. Please find attached our topic web for this half term.

As part of our learning about 'People Who Help Us', we are looking for volunteers who may be able to visit the children to talk about their job or role in the community. If you work in a profession that helps other such as healthcare, emergency services, veterinary services etc., and can help, please do let us know.

Over the half term there are a few dates to note:

Wednesday 17th June: As part of our PSHE theme 'Growing and Changing', the children will need a photo of themselves as a baby. Please ensure this is labelled.

Thursday 18th June: Church Mice. We'd like to invite parents and siblings to the session also. If you are able to walk down to the church with us, please do let us know. We will be leaving school at 1.20pm and arriving back for 3pm.

Monday 29th June: Cambridge Botanical Gardens trip. A letter will be sent closer to the time.

Wednesday 8th July: Ducklings will be attending the USSP Athletics festival at JFAN. A letter with details will be sent closer to the time.

Monday 13th July: Pirate Day! The children are invited to come dressed as pirate and attend pirate training day! FODS have a selection of dress up accessories, please let us know if you need support with this. Additionally, parents are invited to join their children to build and test a pirate ship of the children's design. Please come to the Ducklings gate at 2.15pm.

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! Please send your child with a carrier bag to take home any muddy clothing at the end of the session. Our first Forest School session this term will be **Friday 5th June**.

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 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.

Early Years Provision Contribution

An important part of our Early Years provision here at Debden is experiential, sensory and imaginative play. This includes playdough, bubbles, messy play and cooking opportunities to name a few. These opportunities support children's cognitive development, language skills, creativity and gross/ fine motor skills. We are kindly asking for a voluntary contribution of £2.00 per child to cover these resources. Please send in a clearly labelled envelop with your child's name by **Wednesday 10th June**.

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

Best Wishes,

Mrs Caparelli and Mrs Auty

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