



Dear Parents,

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

### **Staffing**

This term the staffing in Ducklings class will be:

Mrs Caparelli- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Mrs Auty- Wednesday morning, Thursday and Friday.

This year the support staff in Duckling class will be Mrs Cameron, Mrs Day 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. This term's theme is 'To Infinity and Beyond'. Please find attached our topic web for this half term- the children will be learning all about Space/ light and colour, developing a secure understanding of number within 10 and continuing with phonics to support early reading.

### **PE**

Ducklings will have their formal PE lesson on Tuesday. 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 plimsolls/ trainers. **Please ensure ALL items are labelled.** 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. This term, the children will bring home number bonds and number facts to learn. Again, please practise these little and often in fun, engaging ways.

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