DUCKLINGS' NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2

WELCOME BACK!

The second half of our Autumn term has started with a bang! We've already blasted off into our space learning and, over the next few weeks, will be celebrating Children in Need and Christmas, as well as exploring our new topics! It has been wonderful welcoming all our fantastic Ducklings back into school and hearing all about their exciting adventures over half term!

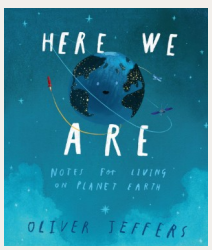
During this half term, we will be continuing to ensure that our Ducklings are settled into school life, are excited about their learning experiences and that they are comfortable and confident in their learning environment and routines.

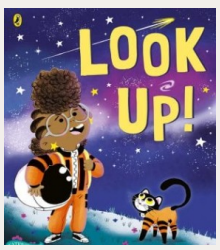
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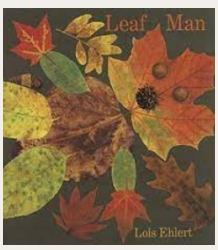
This half term, we our key theme is 'Our World and Beyond'. We will have seven different key texts, which will each be our learning focus for one week. Our first key text was 'Here We are' by Oliver Jeffers, which allowed us to explore the wonders of our planet and solar system. It is one of my all time favourite books for children, encouraging kindness, curiosity and care for others and the world around us.

We'll then continuing our learning about space with the book 'Look up!' by Nathan Bryon, which is a gorgeous picture book that is perfect to explore space. It includes information about Rocket's (the main character) hero scientist, Mae Jemison, as well as facts about meteors and comets. We'll have the opportunity to build our very own rockets, learn all about real-life astronauts and explore what life might be like in space!

As we move towards the end of the term, we will be learning the Christmas Story and about how Christmas is celebrated by different people around the world. We're also really looking forward to our Christmas school trip to Manor Farm on Thursday 4th December.

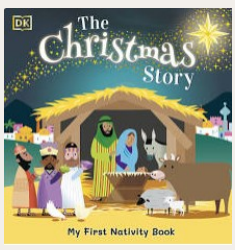












CLASS DOJO

Thank you for all your positive feedback regarding Class Dojo. It is great to be able to give you an insight into your child's learning and what they've been getting up to at school. Please do keep checking it regularly for up-dates, reminders and photos of your child. Thank you for sending in photos of what your child has been getting up to out of school, too! We love sharing them as a class and celebrating what our amazing Ducklings are doing at home.

INFANT CHRISTMAS CONCENT

It is already that time of year when we start to think about Christmas events! This year, the Ducklings will be taking part in the Infant Christmas concert and will be performing a dance and singing during the concert. We have all been cast in the role of angels! The concert will take place on the 10th and 11th December in the afternoon. I will be sending out further details relating to costumes for this event at a later date.

SHOW AND TELL

Thank you for all the fantastic show and tell videos that were sent in last half term! We loved watching them and talking about them. We asked some amazing questions to find out more about each person's video. It was great to learn more about each of our Ducklings and what they enjoying doing outside of school.

This half term, we are going to be doing another show and tell. Our theme for show and tell will link to our learning about celebrations. The key question is 'What celebrations have I taken part in and how did we celebrate them?'. For example, celebrating Christmas, birthdays, christenings, Diwali, etc.

Please have a chat to your child about different celebrations that they have taken part in and post a photo or video relating to a celebration, for your child to show the class by 21st November. If you choose to send a video, please make sure that this is no longer than 2 minutes. Thank you for your support!

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AT HOME

It was lovely to talk to you all at Parents' Evening and to share the fantastic progress your child has made since starting school and how well they have settled. Thank you for the lovely feedback and positive comments. Next week, I will be sending home your child's individualised target card. This target card is personalised to each child and provides information on what we are working on at school with your child. It would be amazing if you could practise these targets at home, too! A couple of minutes a day can make a real difference to children's learning and progress so we are really grateful for your time and support with this. Thank you for supporting your child with their reading at home. We are amazed by the progress our Ducklings are making with their reading and the more practise they have, the more confident they will feel and the quicker their progress will be. A massive thank you, too, for helping your child with their Phonics sheets in their homework folder.

BUDDIES

The Ducklings are continuing to really enjoying spending time with their Year 6 buddies each week during Buddy Time. We spend time reading with our buddies and showing them our amazing learning on Reading Eggs and Maths Seeds. We are really impressed by how well the Ducklings have shown increasing independence at playtimes and lunchtimes, with the support of a few Year 6 buddies who are rotated each week. In class, we will be making special Christmas cards for our buddies over the next few weeks.

THANK YOU

During the afternoon of Thursday 18th December, we will be having a Christmas Open Classroom in our classroom. I will be sending more information about this event over the next few weeks.

Finally, I'd just like to say a massive thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions or queries that you have.

Miss Williams