

DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Thoughts

It has certainly had a change in the weather this week and I have enjoyed seeing the variety of hats that are being modelled at the moment, which has encouraged me to start wearing mine as well. As the weather has become colder, please remember those extra layers as we do have to keep the rooms ventilated as much as possible – it was certainly a good week to start the new menu of school lunches.

A special hello to Owls and Kingfishers, who are still isolating – we miss you and look forward to seeing again next Tuesday. I hope you are all keeping safe and well. It has been great to see the Teams platform has been used fully to complete the work that has been set each day – well done everyone.

At the end of the newsletter, we have some reports from Ducklings and Eagles who are sharing some of their work with us. Other classes will be featured in the next few weeks.

I have had an email from the safeguarding team about a new video/trend on TikTok that we need to raise as it is an extreme video that is causing significant trauma to children that have watched it. The video is called 'Megan is Missing' based on a film banned by many countries. Please do be vigilant.

On a lighter note this has arrived from the Witney lions
I am writing on behalf of the Witney Lions who this year are unable to take Rudolph & Santa around the streets of Witney and surrounding area. So the children do not miss out, we have come up with 'Santanory' at 6, have a look at the promotional video [here](#) for further information.

A few reminders

- Flu Vaccinations are coming up on the 9th December for Reception to Year 6 children, hopefully you have been able to complete the online consent form. Please make sure this is completed as soon as possible if you wish your child to receive the vaccination. Any problems, please do let us know.
- With Christmas just around the corner we have made the decision that children should not bring in cards this year for all their friends. If they want, they can bring in one card each with a message for the whole class and they will be displayed on a display board within their classroom. This makes is safer for Covid reasons but also it will be great for the environment. I know this will be disappointing, but we will be looking at some exciting activities to mark the Christmas season in school.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Co-operation

We will be thinking this term about the secret of good cooperation and how we can work together.

“Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts.” 1 Corinthians 12 12

Future Diary Dates.

Wednesday 9th December – Flu Vaccinations

Some dates for Christmas activities in school to follow

Friday 18th December – 1:30pm – End of Autumn Term

Monday 4th January – INSET day

Tuesday 5th January – Spring Term starts

Achievements Assembly

A big well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly this week.

Cygnets:	Jack Mason
Ducklings	Ted Mercer
Owls:	Currently self-isolating
Mandarins:	Oliver Spolander
Eagles:	Arthur Bowman
Robins:	Imogen Williams
Kingfishers:	Currently self-isolating
Red Kites:	George Rose

Book Band Ribbons

Well done to the children who have gained their next ribbon this week.

Year 2

Issac Paiva, Amalie Moore, Bill Appleton, Ryan Mitchell, Joshua Webster,
Oliver Spolander, Chloe Pratley

Ducklings Class - Reception

Well, what a busy term that we have had in Ducklings class! The children have amazed us with how much they have achieved. They have been super stars with learning their phonics sounds and are starting to use these to blend and segment words in their reading as well as writing. We have also been carrying out practical maths activities, which has been lots of fun!

Our recent theme has been about 'Autumn'. Some of the things that children have discovered are the changes that occur in the environment during the autumn months, the weather, what clothes we wear, hibernation and leaves changing colour. The children showed great interest in wanting to know more about some creatures that live in the woodlands, so we have been finding out about woodland animals, their names and their offspring, what they look like, their habitats and using descriptive words for how they move. The children have made lovely clay hedgehogs and an environment to put them in using natural materials. They have made a woodland animal of their own choice out of salt dough and painted these. We were delighted with their chalk drawings of owls and painting and drawings of other woodland animals. Their concentration and enthusiasm has been wonderful to see.

We have shared lots of books, particularly focusing on Leaf Man, Owl Babies, The Gruffalo, Don't Hog the Hedgehog, Little Acorns, The Nutty Nut Chase, A Tale Of Two Feathers and Percy The Park Keeper Stories.

We have been learning about Harvest, Diwali, and Remembrance Day and the children amazed us with their Poppy creations either painted, cut out or modelled clay poppies, which have made a lovely display in the classroom.

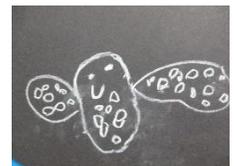


We have enjoyed learning new songs about autumn, animals, counting, ourselves and nursery rhymes.

The children are becoming very creative and using the resources available in class to develop their imagination. The highlight is that they all engage so enthusiastically with their learning and social interactions with each other. I would like to finish by sharing one special quote from a child this week about school.

"I like having all my friends around me."

Our owl pictures



Don't forget to look at class page on the website: click [here](#) to see more

Eagles Class – Year 3

This week in year 3, we have been busy being authors!

During our term filled with Saxon fun, we have been following the story of 'The Knights of the Round Table'. Using Sir Kay as our hero we all wrote about how he was going to return the lost Holy Grail to Camelot, to King Arthur.

In addition to being authors, we also became illustrators. We have captured our dragon's image and their habitat too. Have a look at a few examples below.

We have really enjoyed being authors and illustrators!

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