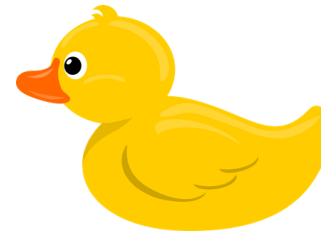
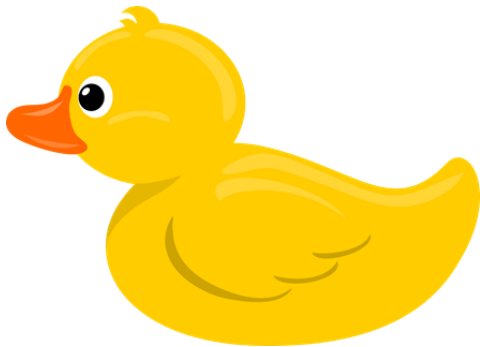


# Important Dates

- Saturday 24th November - Christmas Fayre. If you would like to offer your help and support please liaise with Mrs Hutton (Puffin Parent) or Mrs Jones (Robins Parent).
- Friday 30th November - Christmas Sock day. Please bring in your donation for the school Christmas hamper.
- Wednesday 5th December and Thursday 6th December 9:30 am - EYFS Christmas performances. Ticket information will be issued shortly.
- Friday 14th December - Christmas school dinner and Christmas movie evening.
- Monday 17th December 1:00pm - Class Christmas party (help appreciated)
- Thursday December 20th - School Christmas holiday

This half-term we are looking forward to celebrating the children's achievements, sharing special events and experiences together.

Mrs Baigent and the Ducklings staff.



# Duckling's

I hope you have all had a relaxing half-term holiday and I am very excited to be in our new Ducklings classroom. I hope you will enjoy our new classroom. We have a very exciting few weeks ahead of us and I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about some of the elements we will cover.



## Let's Celebrate

As our topic is 'Let's Celebrate' we are very keen to begin to celebrate your child's achievements and developments at home; through our school values. If your child demonstrates any of our school values, please write their home achievement on one of our pebble templates or even email the school office photos/videos etc. These successes may include **perseverance** in a hobby (eg. swimming 5m) or something that you know your child has been trying hard with for a while. As a class we will share these during show and tell and celebrate your child's achievement displaying them in the classroom.



### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be exploring our new environment establishing routines, rules and expectations. We will celebrate achievements school / home and during circle time linking them to our values.

### Construction and Expressive Art & Design

We will discuss and plan things we would like to make/build and we will then use blocks and recycled materials to construct these ideas.

### Understanding of the world

We will share and discuss special events in our own and other peoples lives.

### Maths

We will continue to develop our number sense this half term working from 1-5. Please encourage your child to explore the number of the week in their environment; spotting the numeral, looking at coins and counting objects and actions accurately, counting the spots on a dice whilst playing games etc.

## *Let's Celebrate*



### Literacy

We will continue to read a range of stories to help develop their language. We will tell stories and scribing them together. We will also be acting our stories out as a class. In Phonics, we will continue to look at compound and 2 syllable words.

### Physical Development

We will be focusing on dance linked to multi-cultural celebrations. We will listen, explore and move our bodies to music from around the world. PE will be on a Tuesday morning but please could your child have their PE kit in school daily. A reminder that kit needs to contain; shorts and a coloured team t-shirt, and all clothes must be labelled with their names. Earrings should not be worn on PE days and long hair needs to be tied back.



### Get involved

If you would like to be involved in the school community by volunteering, we appreciate help with any of the following; special events, cooking, gardening or arts and crafts. For more information please don't hesitate to contact the office [admin@gbpa.org.uk](mailto:admin@gbpa.org.uk) Thank you to the people who have already volunteered, you will be contacted shortly.