

Dear Parents and Carers.

Another busy week for the Ducks, and we even enjoyed some sunshine in the garden finally! The children have been doing lots of great learning, playing and exploring. We have also welcomed a few Ducklings upstairs for short periods of time so they can familiarise themselves with the upstairs classrooms, and the Ducks have all been very welcoming and friendly to their smaller visitors.

<u>Next week:</u> We will be starting a new topic for the next few weeks called S.T.E.M (science, technology, engineering and maths). Our first focus will be on Architecture and Architects. If there are any parents working in this field or anyone who would like to come in to speak about buildings and designs to the children, please do get in touch!

Phonics: We will play games to match sentences with pictures and continue reading our books.

Handwriting: We will continue with our group handwriting sessions.

Math: We will continue our number composition, as well as working on combining two small groups of numbers.

Understanding the world: We will be building our own bridges using mini marshmallows and toothpicks, and magna tiles and duplo.

Show and tell: We will be looking at bridges. Please could the children bring in a picture of a bridge, a story that features bridges or a drawing of a bridge.

Snack - melon, cucumber, satsumas, peaches.

Diary dates and other information:

Bank holiday - School will be closed on Monday 6th May.

Parent Breakfast - It was lovely to see so many parents and nannies at our Parent Breakfast earlier this week - the children always enjoy having their parents in school. If you would like to read a story to the children, please let us know - this is normally on a Friday before pick-up but this can be flexible if you aren't able to come to school then or your child is doing extended days.

Photographs - Anthony Hurren, the school photographer, will be in school on Wednesday 8th May to take photos in the garden (weather permitting) - he will take individual photos of each child, each group and also siblings (of a child who currently attends school). We will ensure children look tidy and their hair is brushed just before their photo. We will give you details next week of how to order the photos with an individual QR code.

Sponsored listen - We hope you'll enjoy the sponsored listen which starts on 3rd May.

Parent Teacher Meeting - Please contact Clare Frost if you haven't already booked your Parent Teacher Meeting (during the week of 13^{th} May).

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

Miss Sandra and Miss Georgina