

Newsletter

Ducklings Autumn Term 1 2026

Our class texts...

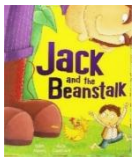
These words are identified as part of our weekly story time and are known as 'golden words'. How many ways can you use them at home? What do they mean?



- Gathering
- Peeping
- Fabulous



- Chuckled
- Plodded
- Trembled
- Clattered



- Dozing
- Furious
- Magnificent
- Enormous
- Gigantic



- Scurrying
- Pranced
- Bleated
- Frolicked

Key Learning this term...

Welcome to Ducklings! We are loving getting to know all of your lovely children. This term we are kicking off the year with our 'Once Upon a Time' topic.

In **Maths** this term we are learning to count, recognise and subitise numbers up to 5.

In **Literacy** we are focusing on holding our pencils using a tripod grip. We will be practising forming the letters correctly in our names and will also learn some letter sounds (see below).

Autumn 1 Phase 2 graphemes

s a t p i n m d g o c k c k e u r h b f l

New tricky words

is I the

Other areas of our learning:

- Communication & Language: We will have lots of opportunities to share stories with our friends and engage in role play. We will practise orally retelling and rehearsing the key texts we are learning in school.
- Physical Development: We will have lots of opportunities to strengthen our bodies and therefore help us learn how to hold our pencils correctly. We will be digging, running and climbing on the monkey bars! We will also begin to riding on the scooters!
- Personal, Social & Emotional Development: We are learning to follow our school rules and are getting to know our peers and teachers. We are learning how to play alongside our friends and take turns.
- RE: We will be thinking about why the word 'God' is so important to Christians.

Reminders...

Please make sure your child brings their book bag to school every day, with their reading diary and books. Your child will have 2 books each week (a decodable phonics reading book and a sharing book for you to read to them and enjoy together).

Homework is sent on a **Thursday**. It explains the sounds we have been learning that week so you can practise them at home.

PE is on Thursday and Friday. Please send children in PE kits on these days.

Please remember to name all school

Dates for the diary...

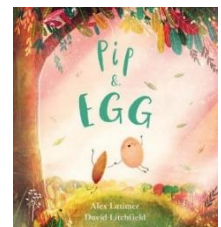
Friday 18th September – Open Morning – 8:40 – 9:10

wc 12th October – date TBC – Harvest Festival at Church

Friday 23rd October – End of Term Celebration at Church

Recommended Read!

'Pip & Egg' by Alex Latimer.



Our school value this term is

Compassion

We are learning and thinking about how we can care for others, help them and show kindness. **Ephesians 4:32 ...**
"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."