

# Duckling Class

## Spring Term 2025 Newsletter

### Can we go to the moon?

The class team ...	Class teacher – Miss Charlton Assistant teacher – Miss Holmes PPA cover – Miss Girvan	<u>Diary Dates</u>
Timings of the day	Start time (Nursery and Reception): 8:30am Home time (Nursery)- 11:30am (gates will open at 11:25am) Home time (Reception)- 3:05pm (Gates will open at 3:00pm)  <b>It is very important that you drop off and collect your child on time. Please make sure your children line up ready to come into school. Please do not ride bikes/scooters on the yard or play on the equipment.</b>	Tuesday 7th January Children return to school  Tuesday 11th February
Things to remember...	Phonics books will be sent home weekly and it is very important that your child brings them back in the next day. Please remember to bring a named water bottle to school everyday. Please dress your child in weather appropriate clothing. <b>School uniform must be worn everyday. Children must wear black shoes and a full list of uniform can be found on the website. No jewellery to be worn in school. Children may wear only one pair of studs if their ears have been recently pierced.</b> <b>Please make sure that in the cold water children have a coat, hat, scarf or gloves.</b>	Safer internet day  Friday 14th of February - Valentines themed Stay and Play.  Friday 21st February
P.E. days - <b>Wednesday and Friday.</b>	<b>No jewellery to be worn on PE days. This includes stud earrings.</b>  Miss Girvan- Throwing and Catching  Miss Charlton- Movement and Balance.	Break up for half term  Monday 3rd March Return to school
Our project	This term we will become space explorers! With the help of our space station in our classroom we will learn lots of weird and wonderful things about our planet and our solar system.  We will use this theme to carry on with our Literacy development in Reading and Writing. Creating space passports, packing lists for an astronaut and planning a picnic on the moon.  We will use space launcher rockets to strengthen our counting skills and numeral recognition. We will also use the planets to explore mass, weight and measuring.  Nursery will continue with developing their listening and attention skills through planned carpet sessions and story times. Nursery will develop their Literacy skills through phase 1 phonics games and activities.  As a class we will aim to create some joint pieces of space themed artwork and a rocket ship of our own!	Thursday 6th March World Book Day  Monday 24th March World Maths Day  Wednesday 9th April School photo day  Thursday 10th April Daily Mile event  Friday 11th April Break up Easter Holidays
How can we help you...	If you have any problems or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me on the yard/at the door. Alternatively, you can email via (Kathryn.charlton@ntlp.org.uk), message on Seesaw or call the school office on 0191 222 0259 to book a telephone conversation. <b>Messages will be replied to within normal school hours.</b>	Monday 28th April

<p>Attendance</p>	<p>If your child is unwell please make sure that you call and leave a message on the absence line 0191 222 0259 option 1.  Please remember if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must stay at home for 48hours from the last time they are sick/have diarrhoea . This helps us to contain the spread.  If your child requires any medicine in school this must be brought in to the school office not given to class teachers.  School starts at 8:30 and the main gates shut at 8:45am. After this time your child will need to be signed in as late in the school office.</p>	<p>Apr 11  Children return to school</p>
<p>How to help your child...</p>	<p>Read to your children as much as you can, such as a bedtime story.  Talk to your children and ask them questions.  Allow your child to get dressed themselves or practise getting dressed by themselves. Putting their coats on and shoes.  Ensure your child is aware of hand washing and regularly washing hands before food and after using the toilet.  Help them to become independent with the use of the toilet, putting on own coat and wiping their own noses.  Help them to recognise their own name.  Count objects randomly and use number names in play, such as counting out their snack or how many toys they are tidying up. Count how many dolls they have or dinosaurs etc. Knowing their house door number is a good start.  When using IPads or devices ensure the children are accessing age appropriate games and videos.</p>	