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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break and are well rested for the Spring term.

Curriculum

In the EYFS, we learn through play and children's interest which can take us on some wonderful learning journeys. Each half term we will have an overarching theme or topic to support this. Please find attached our topic web for this half term.

WOW moments

At Debden, we believe it is important to celebrate the successes of all children- whether that be writing their name or tying shoelaces independently. All successes show progress in a child's development. These successes will be celebrated through our wow moment display in our cloakroom. Wow moment slips will be placed in each child's book bag which parents can complete and send back. These will be displayed and then added to children's special books. If you need another slip please do ask at drop off or pick up.

Supporting Learning at Home

Ducklings are learning new things all the time and they will often bring this learning home to consolidate. Please remember to read with your child every day. This includes practising the sound cards or key words they have brought home that week also. Additionally, children can practise their reading and comprehension using their E-Books assigned on Bug Club. Their logins can be found on the inside of their reading journal. Books will be assigned each half term. This term, the children will bring home number bonds and number facts to learn. Again, please practise these little and often in fun, engaging ways.

Outdoor Provision and Forest School

At Debden we are extremely lucky to have a rich, exciting outdoor area that the children can access each day. They will need a pair of wellies to keep under their peg. Please ensure your child has weather suitable hat/ coat etc. during the different seasons of the year i.e warm coat, hat and gloves during Wintertime and sun-cream and sunhat during sunnier times. On alternate Friday mornings Ducklings will venture down to our Forest School. Mrs Dixon will lead this session. The children will need to wear appropriate clothing including layers, long sleeves/ trousers, sturdy shoes such as wellies and a warm coat.

Please use old clothes and let your child know that at Forest School they CAN GET DIRTY, and you don't mind! Our first Forest School session this term will be **Friday 14th January**.

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Ducklings will have their formal PE lesson on Thursdays. As part of our EYFS curriculum, children will learn to dress independently. Therefore, they will get changed for PE at school before their lesson. Your child will need to keep their PE kit on their peg and will be sent home half termly. PE kit consists of white t shirt, black shorts/ tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls/ trainers. **Please ensure ALL items are labelled.** Please remember to tie up hair and remove earrings on PE days.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office who will forward any correspondence to us.

Best Wishes,

Miss Matthews and Mrs Cameron