



## **Debden C of E Primary Academy**

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Duckling class. We hope that you had a great summer and your children are looking forward to starting school with us. We have been busy planning lots of fun activities and we are really looking forward to getting to know your children better.

Things your child will need in Duckling Class:

- A water bottle (these are kept in school, we wash and refill them as necessary).
- PE Kit-please bring this in at the beginning of each half term. We will send them home at the end of the half term (unless they need a wash before).
- Book bag- including the reading record and reading book. Please write any notes in the homework side as we check these every morning in Duckling Class.
- Appropriate outdoor clothing- coat, hat, gloves, sun hat) We ask that children also have a pair of wellington boots that can be kept in school.
- A lunchbox (if appropriate)
- Library book-these will be changed on a Wednesday.
- Please do not allow your child to bring toys in from home as this can cause upset if they get lost or broken.

Show and Tell- if your child brings home the show and tell bag on a Friday, please help them to add something interesting that they can talk about and send this back in on the Monday. Please ensure that all items are clearly named as it really helps when things go missing.

Reading at home:

In Duckling Class we do not send home weekly homework, however it would be hugely beneficial for you to read with your child every day. This might be their reading book, school library book or any books from home or the local library. From time to time we may also send home additional tasks relating to our learning in class such as tricky word spellings.

Morning and afterschool dropping off and collecting:

For the first few days if you wish to accompany your child into the classroom please feel free to do so; we will quite quickly encourage you to leave them by the door with a member of staff to help develop their independence. If you are collecting in the afternoon please wait by the reception gate, we will only release the children when we see you. If someone other than a parent or legal guardian is collecting please, or your child is attending a club, please write a note in the reading record. Children using the bus will be escorted by a member of the reception team. If there is a change in their usual bus travel it is vital you inform the office.

Please see the attached topic web to find out about our learning this half term. We look forward to working with you all.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us either by phoning the office, speaking to us or writing a note in the reading record.

Miss Green and Mrs Auty

Mrs Louise Gurney – Head Teacher

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