



Duckling Class Information Autumn 2024

Mrs Graves, Mrs Pietersen, Mrs Roberts and I are pleased to welcome you all to Broad Chalke Primary and the Duckling Class family!

The children in Duckling Class have already begun to build positive relationships; with each other and with the adults they work with. We look forward to watching these relationships continue to grow and develop over the coming weeks.

Our Curriculum: Please see the information overleaf for details about the learning opportunities the children will have during this term. The children will learn through a combination of self-initiated independent learning and adult-led activities as well as opportunities through provision in the classroom.

Reading: Reading is at the heart of our curriculum and we read stories together in class every day. At the end of last week, the children brought home their first reading books and I shared some information on Seesaw to how you can get the most out of these wordless books. This week the children have begun to learn some letter sounds and with this in mind I would like to invite you to an **'Introduction to Early Reading' session on 14th October at 2.15pm** will be a chance for you to find out how we approach reading in our school and give you an opportunity to learn more about our phonics scheme, Unlocking Letters and Sounds.

Seesaw: We use Seesaw to share our learning in the classroom with you at home. We hope you have enjoyed the posts that have been shared since your child started school. However, we also like to hear about those 'Wow' moments at home when your child might show you something that you didn't know they could do or perhaps an exciting experience you have shared as a family. To upload photos and information, you will need to use a QR code that has been generated for your child and that has also been stuck into the back of their home reading record for your use.

Photo request: To support our learning in the classroom, I would like to ask for the following photos to be uploaded on to Seesaw or sent into school in a named envelope.

- A family photo (to be stuck in a photo album for the children to share in our role play area)
- A photo of your home from the outside. These photos will be added to building blocks to enable the children to use them when making maps and road mats in our small world area.
- A photo of your child as a baby and another one as a toddler. This will support our learning in 2 weeks.

PE: Our PE day is **Friday** each week. To support the EYFS curriculum we ask the children to get changed into their PE kit at school, as this helps them to practise their dressing skills. Your child should keep their PE kit at school and it will be sent home at the end of each term.

What to bring to school

- A named water bottle that contains water only. This will be sent home each day for washing and refilling.
- Every day your child should have their book bag with their reading folder and home reading record inside.
- Children are provided with a healthy fruit snack each day but we appreciate that young, active children sometimes need a little more to keep them going and to self-regulate. To support this, you may like to send an additional healthy snack for your child in a small named snack pot.
- If you have not done so already, please send in a pair of wellies that we can keep in school.
- As the weather gets colder, please consider sending your child to school with a (named!) hat and gloves, as well as a warm waterproof coat; we are outside in all weathers!

We know that starting school can be a huge transition for both parents and children. Please come and talk to us or call the office to arrange a meeting if you have any questions or concerns - we are always happy to help.