

Happy New Year to you all ! We hope you had a rested and fulfilled Christmas with your families and we look forward to a new term with the children.

Thank you so very much for your generosity at the end of last term. We are so grateful for the Christmas gifts and collection that we received.

Our Personal, Social and Emotional theme over the term will encourage the children that friendships and being a good friend is an important part of being a Duckling. Our activities will focus on taking turns, sharing resources and giving each other praise – a hug or a high five can go a long way!

Across the term we will also be focusing on Learning Maths through Art, using artwork from the Australian Aboriginal artist, Minnie Pwerle and Jasper Johns, an American painter, sculptor and printmaker to help the children seek out shapes, colours, numbers, patterns and size. This will not limit the children's learning to just Maths, as it will also test and develop their fine motor skills as they use different materials to paint and draw with; their understanding of the world as they talk about what they see using their imagination as they consider what they do with the different materials and of course expanding their vocabulary as they communicate their thoughts with their peers and teachers.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 17th January

Bag 2 School Collection

Monday 22nd January at 7pm

AGM Meeting

Mon 19th to Fri 23rd February

Half Term

Monday 26th February

Back to school

Friday 01st March

Hertfordshire Zoo trip

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day – Alice Hemming, author visit

Friday 8th March

Tipple Off, Hunsdon Village Hall

Thursday 14th March, Village Hall

Mother's Day Tea Party

Tuesday 26th March

Pet's Corner Trip

Thursday 28th March

End of Term at noon

Monday 15th April

Start of Summer Term

Spring Term Educational Trips

To support learning in our Spring term topics, Habitats, Dinosaurs and Farm Life, we will be organising a trip to **Hertfordshire Zoo on Friday 01st March**. **Please read the specific details on the sheet attached.**

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 07th March** this year and the author, Alice Hemming, will be visiting the children and talking to them about her book, The Leaf Thief.

Across the week, the children can also bring in their favourite book for us to read.

Mother's Day Tea Party

We hope you can join us and our Toddler Group for our Mother's Day Tea Party on Thursday 14th March at Hunsdon Village Hall from 9.15am. There will be plenty of tea, coffee and cake!

Please could you ensure that your child comes to pre-school with a spare set of clothes and a pair of wellies. Please label clothes and shoes.

We politely ask that the children's scooters or bikes are parked in the bike shed in the mornings and are not used in the playground whilst waiting to enter Ducklings.

Fundraising

FRIDAY 8th MARCH 2024
HUNSDON DUCKLINGS PRESENTS

TIPPLE OFF



HUNSDON VILLAGE HALL - DOORS OPEN 7PM
(all Tipples to be registered by 7:30pm)

TICKETS ONLY - £5 PER PERSON IN ADVANCE

STRICTLY OVER 18'S

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Our next Bag 2 School collection will be
Wednesday 17th January 2024

Clothing accepted: Good quality items for re-use, including mens, ladies' & childrens clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

Please do not leave uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric.

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Ducklings Parent & Child Spring Trip

Hertfordshire Zoo

(previously Paradise Wildlife Park)



Dear Parents/Carers,

This years' spring term trip will be to Hertfordshire Zoo, previously known as Paradise Wildlife Zoo.

To enhance our knowledge of habitats, dinosaurs and farm life, our visit will allow the children to get up close and personal with some amazing species of animals from around the world; investigate their habitats and learn about how important it is to protect and care for all animals.

We will visit the park on Friday 01st March and encourage you to join us as a family, siblings welcome. If your child does not normally attend on a Friday, you will be required to accompany them,

£9.50 per child £15.00 per adult

Please complete the form below and return with payment by Friday 26th January 2024.

We are able/unable to attend (delete as appropriate)

Parent/Carer name _____

Child/children's name _____

Please select from the following

I enclose £ _____ for _____ children tickets

I enclose £ _____ for _____ adult tickets.

Under 2s FREE please confirm number _____

I have family pass for _____ Children _____ adult tickets

Please note:-

We will do our best to provide care/transport for those that are unaccompanied by a parent/carer.

If you are visiting with your child, we will meet at the Main Entrance at 10am.

Please remember to bring a packed lunch or you can purchase food at the park.

Mother's Day Tea Party

Please come and join us for our Mother's Day coffee morning on Thursday 14th March at the Village Hall, 9:15-11:30am.



There will be plenty of tea, coffee and cake.

This is open to all Ducklings' children, but we do ask that if your child does not normally attend on a Thursday (AM) session and you would like them to join us, that an adult attends with them.

PLEASE COMPLETE IF YOUR CHILD NORMALLY ATTENDS ON A THURSDAY (AM) SESSION

Child's Name:

- Will attend and I will attend with them.**
- Will attend but I will not be attending with them.**

PLEASE COMPLETE IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT NORMALLY ATTEND A THURSDAY (AM) SESSION

Child's Name:

- Will attend and I will be attending with them.**
- We will not be attending**

SHOW & TELL

Show & Tell gives your child the opportunity to bring in something relevant to the topic for that week e.g. a book, toy, picture, object or an event which they will share with their peers and staff during the week. We have also given suggestions for things you can do at home to promote and support your child's learning.

If some weeks you do not have anything relevant, please do not worry as we have many resources the children can share.

Week commencing 15th January – Habitat – Bear Snores On (Woodland)

- Write down an interesting fact that you have found out about bears.

Week commencing 22nd January – Habitat – Polar Bears (Arctic)

- Using ice cubes can you build an igloo – send/email a photo.

Week commencing 29th January – Habitat – animals that live in the woodland v Arctic

- Bring in a factsheet about your favourite woodland or Arctic animal.

Week commencing 5th February – Habitat – Monkey Puzzle (Jungle)

- Using a shoe box/recycling can you make a jungle.

Week commencing 12th February – Habitat – Monkey Puzzle (Jungle)

- Learn the song 5 Little Monkey's Jumping on the Bed – take a video/photo

Week commencing 19th February – 23rd February Half Term

Week commencing 26th February – Dinosaurs That Walked the Earth

- Draw a dinosaur and give it a new dinosaur name.

Week commencing 4th March – Dinosaurs

- Bring in your favourite dinosaur e.g. a toy or picture.

Week commencing 11th March – Habitat – Farm Life

- Together can you make a list of farm animals and the names of their babies i.e. Cow – Calf.

Week commencing 18th March – Habitat – Farm Life – Welcoming our Chicks

- Make a chick.

Week commencing 25th March – Easter

Please visit our website www.hunsdonducklings.co.uk for our Medium Plan, which outlines our curriculum in more detail.