



Ducklings and Penguins Newsletter - Summer 1



Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely time with your families!
We are looking forward to brighter times ahead, as Summer comes along and we begin to move on from lockdown.

Due to both the lockdown and changes in staffing, the children have had to adapt to many changes over the past few months. We have been so impressed with how well they have coped with this and how well they have settled back in to school. They have been amazing!

We are so grateful for all of your support during these tricky times. Thank you.

Focus on Maths

Here at Calmore, we aim to teach maths in a fun and practical way. We have focussed maths sessions in the afternoon. These sessions always begin with a mental maths warm-up in which we look at counting, 2D and 3D shapes, time and money. This is followed by a whole class or small group maths activity.

We also use and develop our number skills in our play and other activities. For example we weigh and measure out our ingredients when preparing for cooking. We look at ways to solve problems and challenges when game playing. We use rhymes and stories to count on in 1's, 2's 5's and 10's. We add and subtract at snack time and teach the children how to share, halve and double when sharing toys.

Numbers and shapes are all around us!

Growing and Changing



We have a busy, fun-packed term ahead of us! Our focus this term is on growing and changing. We will be thinking about animals and plants and we started this by having some very special visitors in our outside area this week - Mrs Willes' chickens! The children loved watching the chickens and feeding them worms!

We also are very excited to have a chance to meet more animals with a visit from Mill Farm coming up on Thursday 29th April. This will be a wonderful hands on experience for the children.

We will spending lots of time outdoors, seeing if we can spot the newts and tadpoles in the courtyard pond, growing plants in our outside area, hunting for bugs and going for welly walks.

Other Information

Parent - Teacher Appointments

Thank you to all who booked slots. Julie in the office will contact you via parent mail with a link that will allow you to access your appointment via Teams.

A reminder that these appointments will be:

Penguins with Miss Wells (Mrs Willes or Mrs Weaver may also be present as they support Miss Wells as part of her NQT(Newly Qualified Teacher) program)

Tuesday 27th April

Ducklings with Mrs Abbott (Mrs Darch may also be present)

Wednesday 28th April

An advance warning that each time slot is allocated 10 minutes only before it moves on to the next appointment! We hope this will go smoothly and thank you in advance for your support as we find new ways of communicating with you in these difficult times!

Tapestry

Thank you for all communication via Tapestry. We appreciate your patience last term as we focussed on settling the children back in and we hope to share more with you on Tapestry over the coming weeks.

Uniform and Books

Please be aware that our PE days are currently Thursday and Friday, so we would appreciate it if the children could make sure they are in clothes that allow easy movement on these days.

As the warmer days appear, children are welcome to bring in a named sunhat and we suggest applying suncream before coming in to school.

Our library day continues to be Thursday so please make sure children bring their current library book in that day so that they can exchange it for a new one.

Please send reading folders in every day. We will continue to collect these in on a Friday to be sent back out on Monday.

Thank you for your continued support

The Year R team