

Spring Term 2021 in Ducklings - 1st Half Term

Our themes this half-term will be:

Rhyme Time and Chinese New Year

DATE	THEMES
5 th Jan	<p><u>Settling in and Favourite Nursery Rhymes</u> Time to settle back into the Nursery routines after the Christmas holidays. We will talk about what we did during our time at home. We will also start to think about our favourite Nursery Rhymes and spend time exploring the children's ideas</p> <p><u>Helping your child's learning</u> Share some old Nursery Rhymes that you remember from your childhood and talk them through with your child.</p>
11 th Jan	<p><u>The North Wind Doth Blow</u> We will learn the Nursery Rhyme and talk about its meaning. The children will make bird feeders and robins. Letter of the week - s (for snow).</p> <p><u>Helping your child's learning</u> Look at pictures of different types of birds and talk about what happens to them in the Winter time.</p>
18 th Jan	<p><u>Hickory Dickory Dock</u> We will learn the Nursery Rhyme and talk about different types of clocks, including a Grandfather clock. We will think about ways we measure time. Letter of the week - t (for time).</p> <p><u>Helping your child's learning</u> Look at the different types of clocks that you have in your house and how they work. (An alarm clock, a clock on a cooker, a watch etc.)</p>
25 th Jan	<p><u>Little Miss Muffet</u> Again we will learn the Nursery Rhyme and spend time talking about the words within it. What is a tuffet? What are curds and whey? We will make some spiders using a range of craft materials. Letter of the week - m (for Miss Muffet).</p> <p><u>Helping your child's learning</u> Please encourage your child to think about other rhymes with spiders in. Discuss other rhymes that may have other animals in.</p>
1 st Feb	<p><u>Old Mother Hubbard</u> A rhyme with lots of verses. We will concentrate on just a few and make up some of our own. We will create our own cupboard of objects that rhyme. Letter of the week - c (for cupboard).</p> <p><u>Helping your child's learning</u> Encourage your child to recite some of the rhymes we have been learning, it's also fun to change some of the rhyming words to make up your own new verse</p>

8th Feb	<u>Chinese New Year (Year of the Ox)</u> We will celebrate Chinese New Year with dancing, food and art & craft. Letter of the week - (O for Ox). <u>Helping your child's learning</u> Please encourage your child to look for pictures of this year's Chinese New Year celebrations in the newspaper, and bring them in to show us.
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PE days will continue to be Monday pm for afternoon (and all day) children and Tuesday am for morning (and all day) children. Can you please make sure that your child has shorts and t-shirt (PE kit) in Nursery, no plimsolls or trainers are required at the moment, we will need them after Easter.

During the week beginning 11.1.21 we will start 'Letter of the Week' and there is a separate letter to explain this.