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## 'Placing learning at the heart of everything we do' Raising Aspirations, Realising Ambition and Stimulating Curiosity

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It was great to see so many of you last week during parents' evenings - and to hear how well your children have settled into their new classes. We also heard lots of comments which praised how much adults in school understand the children in their care, which was good to hear, because that's what positive relationships are built on.

Talking of positive relationships, thank you for the kind comments about the admin staff – they really do work under a lot of pressure – there's so much to do for so many people – it's great that so many of you recognise that all members of staff are here to work with you to help children to learn and develop.

## EYFS & Year1

It has been a very busy few weeks in Ducklings and Goslings. In Maths we have been learning how to subitise numbers to 5 and all enjoyed using the puppet to learn how to count using one to one correspondence. Within our literacy we looked at the book *The Colour Monster* and linked this to our PSHE exploring our different emotions. Whilst in PE we learnt different balances, jumps and rolls.



## Years 1 & 2

In Year 1 & 2 we have been continuing to develop our understanding of place value and number in Maths, thinking about how we can partition numbers in different ways. In PE we learnt how to perform a range of high jumps with good control including tuck jumps and star jumps. The children have been enjoying using the outdoor area to create their own vehicles linked to our topic of Transport: past and present.



## Years 3 & 4

We have been sharing our reading, helping each other and enjoying books together. Separately we have been investigating the attraction of magnets – even seeing if we can move things using the magic of magnets (by putting the objects on the table, and the magnet underneath it, but don't tell anyone).



Attached, you will find attached a list of important dates for terms 1 & 2. We will try to send this list out three times a year to keep you informed of events taking place in school. We will also update you if anything changes.

Should you have any queries about these dates, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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