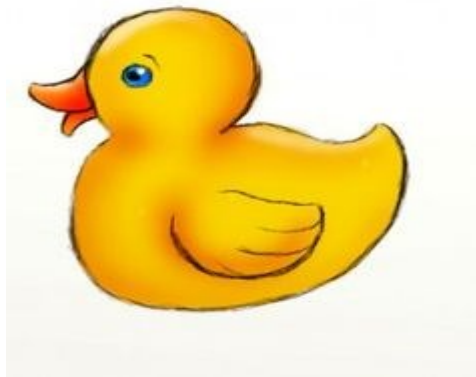


# Important Dates

Monday 11th February - School Half Term

This half term we are excited to continue to share the children's achievements and celebrate these as a class.

Mrs Baigent and the Ducklings teams.



Happy New Year and welcome back after the Christmas break. As it is the new year we will continue with our topic of lets celebrate; considering home special events and traditions, particular focusing on Chinese new year and birthday celebrations.

Our main topic for this Half term is

## Let's Celebrate

As our topic continues to be 'Let's Celebrate' please don't forget to celebrate your child's home achievements through our values pebbles. If your child demonstrates any of our school values, please write their home achievement on a paper pebble template or even email the school office with your photos/videos etc. These successes may include **courage; having a go at something new/tricky/scary**. As a class we will share these during circle time and display them on our class values board.



### Literacy

We will explore and read a range of stories to help develop their language. We will tell stories and we will be scribing them together. We will also be acting our stories out as a class.

In Phonics, we will continue to look at compound and 2 syllable words.

### Understanding of the world

We will share our experiences of special celebrations, considering traditions and customs. We will link this to the story of Smartie the penguin who receives a special gift of an IPAD for his birthday. We will find out about the importance of asking permission and learn some simple rules in order to stay safe when using technology.

### Construction and Expressive Art & Design

We will use role play as a home to strengthen the children's imagination and support new friendship groups. We will construct props in our making area to support our role play and make salt dough food.

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will focus on our school value of courage having a go at new challenges. We will discuss our feelings and how doing things can make our friends happy or sad. We will celebrate achievements school /home and during circle time linking them to our values.

*Let's Celebrate*

### Maths

We will recap the number system starting from 1 again; this time we will explore different ways to make numbers using our fingers and other resources. We will also encourage the children to contribute to our number board each week.

Please continue to encourage your child to explore the number of the week in their environment; spotting the numeral, looking at coins and counting objects and actions accurately.



### Physical Development

We will be focusing on dance linked to multi-cultural celebrations. We will listen, explore and move our bodies to music from around the world. PE will be on a Tuesday morning but please could your child have their PE kit in school daily. A reminder that kit needs to contain; shorts and a coloured team t-shirt, and all clothes must be labelled with their names. Earrings should not be worn on PE days and long hair needs to be tied back.