

Hello everyone! We hope you have all had a wonderful Summer and your child is looking forward to beginning their school journey with us. We are very excited to welcome them to Trinity! The children will start this half term by exploring their new environment and learning School routines. As we get to know each other the children will be encouraged to talk about themselves and their families, and to listen to their new friends talk. Our topic for this half term is '**All about Animals!**', which we will explore through our key texts '**Rosie's Walk**', '**The Little Red Hen**' and '**Dear Zoo**'. We will be learning outside in all types of weather so please ensure you provide your child with labelled wellies that can be kept in school and a spare pair of socks. Also please remember a coat/school fleece for when the weather turns colder. The school day will begin at 8.45am and pick up will be at 3.15pm, a school lunch is provided, which considers any dietary requirements. If you have any questions, please feel free to email: ducklings@trinityprimarycoe.co.uk Miss Long

Understanding the World

We will be investigating the human and natural world, looking closely at patterns and change. The children will be encouraged to talk about past and present events in their lives, and notice similarities and differences between us all.

Physical Development

Children will have PE/Outdoor Learning sessions on **Fridays**, so please send your child to school in their **PE kit on Fridays**. Please ensure no earrings are worn on PE days as they cannot be removed by an adult at school. During PE sessions the children will learn to move around safely and in different ways and to follow instructions. Your child will need a labelled waterproof 'All in One' suit on Fridays as we will be using the woodland area and will enjoy getting a little dirty! These suits then remain at school for the year as they are used regularly.

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Literacy (Reading and Writing)

The children will be encouraged to draw pictures and mark make as well as begin to write letters to represent their thoughts and feelings. Phonics is taught twice daily, starting with Phase 1, which helps develop crucial Speaking and Listening skills. We will soon move onto Phase 2 where Letters and their Sounds are introduced. We will contact you soon regarding a Phonics Information Session to attend for more information about how you can support Phonics learning at home. Your child will soon be sent home with a School Reading book to share with you daily. To begin with these will be wordless books where the children use the pictures to tell their own stories to you. This is an important step in developing their Comprehension and Vocabulary. This term, across the school, we are concentrating homework expectations on getting every child to read at home at least five times a week. Please record your reading in your Reading logs each day.

Expressive Arts and Design

We can't wait to see all of the children's amazing creations this year! The children will be encouraged to enjoy being creative using a range of man-made and natural materials. They will explore colour through free painting and guided art sessions, and have opportunities to learn rhymes and songs using musical instruments and their own bodies to clap out beats.

Religious Education

During RE the children will be learning about Christianity. We will be discovering why the word 'God' is important to Christians, and will be finding out about the Harvest Festival!

Mathematics

This half term the children will be learning to count and recognise numbers that are important to them, such as their age. They will be encouraged to think of and solve their own number problems and record these using marks they can interpret and explain. We will use everyday language to talk about position, size, weight and height. To help your child's developing Maths knowledge, use every day opportunities at home to help with Mathematical concepts – maybe counting the number of stairs as you climb them ready for bed each night? Your child will also be able to access Numbots at home if they want to, and certificates gained will be celebrated in Friday's Celebration Assembly.

Communication, Language and Literacy

The children will be introduced to Nursery Rhymes, books and stories and will play games that develop listening skills such as 'Simon Says'.