Ducklings Class Bulletin
Autumn Term 2

Hello everyone! I hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for another fantastic half term in Ducklings!
All of the children made a super tart to their time at school last half term. They have been busy making new friends, learning routines, sharing about themselves and their families and finding out all about animals! This half term our topic is 'Did you see that?'. The children will be finding out about different celebrations such as Diwali and Bonfire Night. We will also investigate our changing environment and learn all about Space! We will be preparing for the Nativity performance, and will enjoy finding out all about different Christmas traditions around the world.
The children will continue to spend a lot of their time at school outside**,** so as the weather gets colder **please ensure that your child brings a coat with them to school and keep a spare pair of socks/tights in their bags**. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us ducklings@trinityprimarycoe.co.uk Miss Long, Miss Manning and Miss Mitchell.

Communication and Language.
The children will continue to explore nursery rhymes and books. They will have opportunities for role play based on our class stories and act out characters as part of the Nativity.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development
This half term we will explore different cultures and beliefs. The children will consider how their own actions can affect both themselves and others. We will find out about the people in school who can help us and how we can ask them for their help if we need it.

Literacy (Reading and Writing)
We made a great start to our phonics last half term and the children have now learnt all their phase 2 sounds. This half term we will be introducing Phase 3 phonics, whilst continuing to revisit phase 1 and 2. Your child has their phase 3 flashcards in their phonics packs at home to practice with and information about what we have been learning about in phonics, will continue to be uploaded to Tapestry. We will be looking at different stories, sequencing them, and coming up with our own alternative versions. Our Key texts will be **Whatever Next!** by **Jill Murphy** and **Stickman** by **Julia Donaldson.** Children will be beginning to write short captions whilst continuing to work on their blending and segmenting skills when reading and writing. **Please continue to read daily at home with your child to support their literacy development, and record this in their reading log.**

Expressive Arts and Design
This half term the children will continue to have opportunities to be creative using natural and manmade materials. Over the next few weeks will be making Diva lamps out of clay, printing firework pictures, and creating Christmas crafts.

Physical Development
PE lessons will continue on Fridays, so please send your child into school in their PE kits each week. We will be moving like Fireworks, using our imagination to guide our movements, and thinking about the changes that happen to our body as we engage in physical activity. There will be continued opportunities for developing fine motor skills, such as using play dough, and Lego. Our Woodland visits will continue each Friday so wellies and puddle suits will remain in school. The Wood will get very wet and muddy so please pop a spare pair of socks in your child's bag!

Mathematics
We will continue to explore numbers this half term. The children will be ordering numbers, and beginning to partition and record number bonds. We will be focusing on numbers up to 5, looking carefully at number composition and developing subitising skills. **Please use Numbots at home to support this learning.** There will be opportunities to investigate 2d shapes, sequence daily routines and to develop their positional language vocabulary.

Understanding the World
The children will be using all of their senses to explore the natural world around them. We will be investigating the changes and patterns around us, as the season moves from Autumn to Winter, as well as learning about the different festivals and celebrations that take place within these seasons. We will also investigate Space and The Moon!