



# Ducklings and Penguins

## Newsletter - Spring 2



### Focus on Maths

Here at Calmore, we teach maths in a fun and practical way. We have four adult-led maths sessions a week. Each of these sessions start with a mental maths warm-up where we focus on counting, shape and time problems. We split into groups for our maths activities, and take turns to work with a teacher, an LSA or independently. We focus on building a secure knowledge of numbers to 10 and understanding the value and composition of those numbers. We use this foundation to explore numbers beyond 20 and begin to solve mathematical problems.

Maths happens throughout all other areas of our learning too! We weigh and measure out our ingredients when preparing for cooking. We look at ways to solve problems and challenges when game playing. We add and subtract at snack time and teach the children how to share, halve and double when sharing toys. We are always thinking about number, pattern and shape!

We hope you had a lovely week off with your families! This half term is exciting, as it is full of the promise of longer and brighter days as we transition from winter to spring. It is hard to believe that your children have been in school for 6 months - They are learning new things daily!



### Jet Setters and New Life

Our theme for this term is Jet Setters. We will be thinking about the world around us and comparing our lives to lives of children across the globe! As the days become lighter and longer, we will be talking to the children about Spring, and new life. We are so excited to be going on our first school trip to Hillier Gardens to take our Forest Friday learning beyond the school grounds! We will finish off the half term thinking about the Easter Story and what it means to us!



Thanks for your support

The Year R Team



### Diary Dates for Spring Term:

\*Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February: First Day back - Spring 2

\*The week of 26<sup>th</sup> February - 1<sup>st</sup> March: Parents Evenings

\*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Year R trip to Hillier Gardens

\* Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2pm: Year R Easter Workshops - parents and carers of Year R children are invited in to come and join in with their child in some Easter-themed activities (please see further details in separate letter)

\*Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Last day of term



### Reminders

#### PE Days

Our PE days continue to be Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure children wear their PE kits to school on these days. May we remind you that PE kits need to be clothes children can comfortable to move around in. **Please no skirts/dresses or tights on PE days!** Ensure you're your child is wearing shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings.

We ask that long hair is tied back and earrings are removed or taped up. The only earrings permitted in school are studs - no hoops or dangly earrings.

#### Library Day

Our library day continues to be on a Wednesday. Please ensure children have their library book in school this day.

#### Reading Folders

Please make sure you are hearing your child reading their school reading book at least 3 times a week. It makes a huge impact on the progress they make and we appreciate your support in this.

**Reading folders must be in school every day.**

Thank you