

Gold Class's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. Your child is half way through their first year at school and we look forward to making Term 4 just as exciting as the first day.

Passports ready!
We are about to fly around the world!

This term our theme is 'The world around me.' We will be learning about different cultures and religious celebrations. We will begin by exploring our experiences of the world by discussing past holidays and learning more about the countries that some of our friends or family are from. We will make flags and learn basic phrases such as hello in different languages. We will pretend to fly to different countries to find out more about them before coming back to England in time to celebrate Easter. Please note: all journeys will be made in our pretend aircraft, we will not be taking your child out of school.



In Phonics this term we will continue to work in our phase groups. Phase 2 will continue to revisit the phonemes in the alphabet and the tricky words 'the, I, to, go, no into'. Phase 3 will continue to revisit digraphs and trigraphs and learn new trigraphs and spellings. We will be focusing on applying the correct digraph and trigraph when reading and writing words and sentences.

In Literacy we will continue to learn how to write sentences, apply finger spaces, full stops and key spellings. Throughout the term we will continue to encourage the children to say the sentence aloud, count the number of words in their sentence and apply the sounds they can hear in each word.

We will also revisit rhyming and give the children the opportunity to write their own rhymes. You can help your child by completing the suggested phonics and literacy homework every week.

In Maths we will be learning how to double, halve and share. We will also be revisiting 3D shapes and vocabulary. Finally, to link with our topics, we will be learning how to compare distances using the correct vocabulary. We will make paper aeroplanes and measure the distance they can fly using non-standard measurements.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Characteristics of Effective Learning are skills that underpin learning and play. Our focus this term:

- Choosing Chimp
- Slinky Linky Snake
- Persevering Parrot



PE

Our PE day this term is Monday. Please remove earrings and tie long hair up on this day. This term, we will be learning how to dance. We will link this with our theme by exploring different dances from around the world.

Celebrations

Well done to Gold Class for collecting 20 gems and earning a treat to decorate cakes at the end of last term. We are aiming to get 30 gems to earn our next class reward - we have voted to go to the park.

Dates

- Tuesday 5th March - After-school Reading Session. You are welcome to arrive anytime between 3.15pm and 4.30pm to read with your child in the classroom. The teachers will circulate to read with you for 5 minutes to help you with strategies for how you can help your child at home.
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as a character from a book.
- Friday 8th March at 2.30pm - Shared Golden Time. Come and play with us.
- Friday 15th March - Comic Relief. Our theme this year is 'Wild Hair and Red Clothes' for a suggested donation of £1.00.
- 18th - 22nd March - Book Week
- Tuesday 19th March at 9.10-10.00am - Maths Stay and Play session. We will show you some of our skills and provide activities for you to complete with your child.
- 25th - 29th March - Mother's Day activities
- Thursday 4th April - PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
- Friday 5th April - Sponsored Colour Run and last day of term

We look forward to a very exciting term.☺

Miss Robb, Miss Pole and Mrs Brooker