



Welcome to Goldfinch Class!



It has been lovely getting to know Goldfinch class throughout these first few days, they have all had a great start to the new school year.

Here is some useful class information for you which we will also share on our class page on the school website - click 'Children' - 'Classes' - 'Goldfinch Class'. We will also add information and photos of what we have been doing here throughout the year for you to see.

Teachers: Mrs Litt - Monday and Tuesday (alternate Wednesdays)

Mrs Bingham - Thursday and Friday (alternate Wednesdays)

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Last - Mondays

Mrs Walton - Tuesdays, Thursday afternoons and Fridays

Mrs Baber - Wednesdays and Thursday mornings.

PPA Cover: Mrs Brady - Wednesday afternoons

Miss Nilsson, Sports Coach - Wednesday afternoons

School Day Timings

Classroom doors open at **8.40am** for an **8.45am start**.

End of the school day is **3.15pm**.

PE Day: Wednesday - Please make sure children have their appropriate PE kits in school.

PE Kit: White t-shirt, black shorts and daps/trainers. Children are expected to change into their PE kits for a Wednesday afternoon.

What to bring to school everyday:

- Named water bottle
- Book bag/school bag
- Named coat
- Fruit - School fruit is provided daily for Year 2 children but we never know what this fruit may be so you may want to provide a healthy snack for break time to ensure your child has something they like. This can be a piece of fruit or a fruit or cereal bar (NO chocolate bars or crisps). Please note that we are also a nut free school.
- Reading Record.
- Homework books
- Please do not bring toys to school.

Milk:

You have the option to pay for milk for your children to have every day by ordering directly from the milk company. Please see the school office if you require information about this.

Topics:

Our theme overview came home in the children's reading folders on Friday, it is also on the school website and under 'Curriculum'. The overview tells you about what we are learning throughout terms 1 and 2. A new theme overview will come home at the start of the Spring and Summer term. If you have anything at home related to anything we are learning about in school, please feel free to bring it into school to share with the rest of the class. We will try and do Show and Tell on Fridays.

How we organise a split year class:

Year 2 and Year 3 are split for phonics and Maths.

The Year 2s stay in Goldfinch Class and the Year 3s go to Heron Class for these lessons.

Reading:

It is really important that you try to read with your child at home as much as possible. Please try and hear your child read every day and record in their reading record when you have read with them. For our whole school reading challenge, we count all the reads that your child does with an adult in school and at home. Reads will be counted at the end of each week and they gain different certificates for the number of reads they achieve throughout the school year.

Spellings/homework:

Spellings will be given out in their homework books at the beginning of each term and labelled with the date, the children will practise these in school, but these will also need practising at home. Please use the homework book to practice them in. There will then be a test every Friday morning. The spelling will be marked with the children so they will be aware of their scores and will be recorded in their reading records. We may also give out more practical topic related homework projects throughout the year.

Times Tables:

All children will have a login for TT Rockstars, a fun, interactive website to help them learn their times tables. We will stick their logins into their reading records. We are able to set the correct times tables for your child and monitor usage. Times tables are a crucial part of Maths. We do a times tables challenge on Fridays and awards are given when children pass a level. Children do a times tables national test in year 4, therefore it is important these are practised at home too.

Year 2 SAT's:

Year 2's will be doing SAT's this year - this is nothing to worry about. There will be another meeting nearer the time to discuss arrangements for this and answer any questions.

Attendance:

Attendance is monitored closely so please avoid taking holidays during term time, it would result in your child missing whole chunks of work. Please ensure the office is informed if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

Communication:

We greet the children at the door every morning when the classroom door is opened.

Messages can be left for us at the school office.

The next parents evening is October 15th and October 17th.

Information can be found on the school website.

If you would like to talk to us about something and can't catch us, please call the school office to arrange a phone call and we will call you back as soon as possible.

Behaviour and Rewards:

Our behaviour policy can be found on the school website. We have high expectations of all the children in Goldfinch Class.

We reward children for good behaviour through:

- Raffle tickets
- Hot chocolate Friday with Mrs Baker-Brown
- Certificates in Reading, Crew, Bee Proud and the Head Teacher's Award.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. We are available for any quick messages before school and normally free to have longer discussions after school. We are here to help as much as we can. Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you.

The Goldfinch Team 