



Goldenhill Primary Academy



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"Everyone shines at Goldenhill"

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Dear parent/guardian,

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had an amazing summer break and managed to create many memories! I know the children will tell me all about them over the next few days; I cannot wait to hear all about it. I am so excited to be welcoming you all back and ready to start a new academic year. Year 2 is a great year to teach and I love watching the children grow in their own individual ways! In order to help you and the children transition into the new classroom setup, here are a few important bits of information for the upcoming half term:

- Over the next couple of weeks, children will be issued with their **reading** books. It is essential that children are experiencing reading as much as possible, especially at this stage in their learning. Remember, there are prizes for readers that complete the Aiming High competition. Each time a child reaches the end of the clouds, they will receive a prize at the end of the half term.
- This half term we will be working on health and fitness with Bee Active in **PE**. This will be on a **Tuesday** afternoon. Children should **arrive at school in their PE kit** on **Tuesday** and will **remain in their PE kit** for the rest of the day. Please ensure children are wearing the correct PE kit and earrings are covered if they can't be removed.
- In **homework** books, children have a 'Homework Overview', which includes various tasks for the half term. You can choose which of these tasks to complete at which time, as long as homework books are placed into the Homework box each THURSDAY, with the date ticked off against the correct piece of homework. Children will then have their homework book handed back to them on a Friday. **New homework books will be handed out on Friday 23rd September.**
- **Spelling** books and spellings **will not** be sent home. Children will have a spelling/phonics slot each day during school time and **will not** be tested on these spellings.
- Our **topic** for the first term is 'Coastlines!' please see the attached topic web for more information about what we will be learning this term!
- A healthy snack will be provided, from school, for the children to eat at break time but children are able to bring in a **healthy snack** from home if they wish. You can still purchase bagels like you did last year if you wish.
- Children need to bring in their own **water bottles** with them so they can have a drink throughout the school day.

On **Thursday 15th September** I will be holding a **Meet the Teacher** session after school at 3.20pm and 5pm. During this meeting, I will discuss Year 2 in more detail surrounding topics and assessment that will take place throughout the year. These sessions will be taking place in the Year 2 Classroom. If you cannot attend, the presentation will go on the class webpage too!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask any of the year 2 staff who will always be on hand to answer any queries. I cannot wait to get to know you all over the next year alongside the children! I know it is going to be an **amazing year** for us all!

Thanks,
Miss Pitt

