



Goldenhill Primary Academy



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Dear Parents

I cannot believe we only have one half term left with the children. The year has scarily flown by so quickly. It will be another very busy few weeks with lots of learning and lots of fun.

This half term our topic is 'Once Upon a Time.' Each of the seven areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum will be covered through this exciting topic which I am sure the children will love. Details of what we will cover can be seen on the enclosed topic web.

Phonics will continue to be taught discreetly, on a daily basis. The children will be learning consolidating the graphemes learned so far and will also be blending and segmenting 4 or more sounds for reading and writing. Phonics support sheets will continue to be sent home each Friday so the children can practice their skills and tricky words at home.

The children will continue to be heard read three times a week in guided reading sessions and will then bring this home as their reading book. Practising at home is crucial and has a huge impact on the children's progress. They will continue to bring home other sharing books and books for pleasure. We expect children to read at least 4 times a week at home. They receive marks on their charts and rewards for achieving this. Please remember to fill in the reading diary each time they read with you. I thank you for your continued support in this.

PE will continue to be on a Friday morning and this half term we will be looking at ball skills. Please ensure that earrings are removed or covered for these lessons and correct PE kit is worn – white or red T shirt, navy blue / black bottoms. Many thanks.

Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday via the school app and work to be submitted using your child's Learning Book page or brought into school. Completing this homework each week is extremely important and gets children in to really good habits early on in their school lives. It also gives you a valuable source of information regarding what we are covering in class. Spellings will continue on Friday mornings.

Thank you for all your continued support at home. Practicing spellings, reading and completing homework makes a big difference to your child's progress.

If you have any concerns at any time please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Mrs S. Cookson

