



Goldenhill Primary Academy



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Dear Parents

Next half term our topic is 'Why do Zebras have stripes.' 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. We will also be learning new graphemes as the term progresses.

The children will continue to be heard read twice a week in guided reading sessions and once a week individually. Practising at home is crucial and has a huge impact on the children's progress. The key tricky words on their keyrings are also extremely important. Please encourage your child to learn these on sight rather than sounding them out. 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 **Friday** afternoons, and the focus will be on games skills – catching, throwing, kicking, rolling etc. Please ensure that earrings are removed or covered for these lessons. Weather permitting we will do these lessons outside on the big yard so trainers may be preferable. 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. 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 start on Friday mornings. More details to follow on this.

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.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday and enjoy lots of chocolate and, hopefully, some lovely Spring weather!

Regards

Mrs S. Cookson

