



Goldenhill Primary Academy



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"Everyone shines at Goldenhill"

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Dear Parents

It's been a very busy first term of the school year and the children settled quickly to their new routines. They have worked very hard throughout the term and have made some fantastic progress. I am sure that you will agree that the Nativity was a wonderful way to end last term and celebrate their achievements.

The Spring Term promises to be a busy one once again with lots of new learning.

This half term our topic is 'What happens when I fall asleep?'. 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 now be moving on to writing and learning alternate spellings for different sounds eg ai, ay, a-e and will also be blending and segmenting 4 or more sounds for reading and writing.

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. I thank you for your continued support in hearing your child at least 4 times a week.

PE will continue to be on Monday afternoons. Please ensure that the children have their **named** kit each week and that earrings are removed or covered. Many thanks.

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday to be handed in by the following Friday. 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. Also, early in the term children will be beginning weekly spelling tests as appropriate to each child – more of this to follow in January.

Thank you for all your continued support at home. Practicing 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

