



# Goldenhill Primary Academy



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*"Everyone shines at Goldenhill"*

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Dear Parents

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great Christmas. The Spring Term promises to be a busy one once again with lots of new learning.

This half term our topic is 'Long Ago.' 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 phase 3 digraphs ie where 2 letters make one sound ai, ee, oa etc

The children will continue to be heard read at least twice a week in guided reading sessions and will then bring this book home to share with you. They will also have a sharing book, which is a book for pleasure, and another reading book to practise the skills taught in class. 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. Well done to all those children who received certificates and prizes at the end of the term for consistently reading at least 4 times every week.

PE will continue to be on Friday. Please ensure that the children come to school in correct school PE kit each week (red or white T shirt, black shorts / tracksuit bottoms / leggings) and that earrings are removed or covered. Many thanks.

Homework will continue to be set via the school app usually on a Thursday and it would be great to see their homework on their 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. Also, early in the term children will be beginning weekly spelling tests as appropriate to each children.

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 via the school office

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Regards

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