



Goldenhill Primary Academy



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Dear Parents

As another half term draws to a conclusion I am writing to inform of our learning after the break.

Next half term our topic is 'Changes and habitats'. 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 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. 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. I thank you for your continued support in this.

PE will continue to be on **Monday** afternoons, and the focus will be on gymnastics skills – travelling, balancing, rolling and jumping. Please ensure that the children have their named kit each week and that earrings are removed or covered. Many thanks.

Homework will be set on a Friday to be handed in by 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. Spellings will also continue on Friday mornings. I will be assessing the children this first week and may be altering the number of spellings they receive as appropriate to their needs. You will notice that some tricky words will be repeated at times to ensure consolidation of these words.

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 look forward to seeing you all at Parent's Evening during the first week back.

Have a brilliant half term break.

Regards

Mrs S. Cookson



