



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.

Access to your child's Dojo portfolio (which replaces Learning Book) will be sent to you early on in the term, if you completed the permission slip and returned it last term. If you would like to have access to this please return the slip in order to receive your password / link. If you need another copy of this please just let me know. It may take a little bit of time to get fully up and running with this new system so please be patient with us!

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 three 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.

PE will continue to be on Thursday afternoons. 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 Dojo page (once this is fully up and running!) or brought into school as appropriate. 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 information to follow. 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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