



Goldenhill Primary Academy



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Dear Parents

It hardly seems possible that the first half term has flown by – it'll be Christmas before we know it!

This half term our topic is 'Starry Night.' 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 more single letter phonemes and also some digraphs where 2 letters make one sound eg sh, ch, th. Phonics support sheets will continue to be sent home each Friday so the children can practice their skills and tricky words at home.

The children will continue to be heard read three times a week in guided reading sessions and will then bring this home as their reading book. Practising at home is crucial and has a huge impact on the children's progress. They will continue to bring home other sharing books and books for pleasure. 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 a Thursday afternoon and this half term we will be looking at fundamental PE skills. Please ensure that earrings are removed or covered for these lessons and correct PE kit is worn – white or red T shirt, navy blue / black bottoms. Many thanks.

Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday via the school app and work to be brought into school if appropriate to the task set. 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. Unfortunately, we have recently been advised that the use of Learning Book will no longer be possible after this month as the providers are closing the platform. This is very disappointing to us and we are currently searching for a suitable alternative to replace this form of communication – further details to follow as soon as we know more.

Thank you for all your continued support at home. Practicing reading and completing homework makes a big difference to your child's progress. Also, at all possible opportunities, please try to encourage your child to be independent – in dressing, cutting their food, opening their snacks etc as this is a key value of the school and very important in their personal development. Encourage them to be independent like 'Slip' (our independent yoimoji.)

If you have any concerns at any time please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Mrs S. Cookson



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