



Building Community, Enriching Lives

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Goldfinch Class Newsletter Summer term

Dear Parents,

I hope you've had a lovely Easter and managed to have some relaxing time. Welcome to a new term - of sorts! Here is an outline of Goldfinch home learning for the next few weeks, with the intention of supporting you in keeping your child's learning ticking over, as well as helping you and the children to keep the strong connections with our class and school community.

Please don't feel under pressure to complete all the tasks set, they are a tool for you to use if helpful. Having said that, I hope the children continue to read for pleasure every day, practise their times tables and make some form of journal of this time, ideally including photos and drawings. You and they will treasure this in years to come.

School website:

At the end of each week, I will put on our class home learning page a Maths PDF with answers and a list of activities for the following week. This might be useful to print off if you have limited internet/laptop access.

Purple Mash:

At the end of each week, I will set spellings and reading activities for the following week. As well as the activities set by me, there are many resources children can access for themselves on Purple Mash. On the right hand side, under 'Featured' is a link to weekly activities with a range of age-appropriate activities.

Class Dojo:

During the course of the week we will post 3 or 4 activities, which may be writing, science, fun or just ways to connect with each other. These will be posted on the 'Class Story,' this is like a notice board where we will upload videos, photos or text.

Pupils have individual accounts and can see the 'Class Story' as well as a 'Portfolio' page. This is unique to them and cannot be seen by other pupils. The 'Portfolio' page is used for checking current tasks and submitting work. Once submitted, work will be approved by us and we can leave feedback and comment, and sometimes give Dojo points. Parents will soon be sent a link to their child's account where you can see the 'Class Story' and see the work your child has completed in their 'Portfolio'. Your account has an additional communication feature, where private messages can be sent to the teacher. If you have any questions about the learning tasks or need to communicate with me, you will be able to send a message, which I will reply to when I can during school hours.

Times Table Rockstars

Your child should have a login and be able to practise their tables online.

Hopefully this is helpful, but any questions please ask. Being a parent is really hard at the moment, we're all juggling everything the best we can and I am sure you're doing a great job. Please tell the children we really miss seeing them in school and can't wait till it's safe for us all to be back in again - I think about them all every single day and wonder what they're up to.

Look after yourselves and each other,
Mrs Kirby

**If the schools are
closed for too long,
the parents are gonna
find a vaccine before
the scientists.**

