



May 2022

Dear Goldfinch Parents,

Welcome to the summer term – this year is flying by! We are all very excited to be in our lovely new classroom, which I am sure you enjoyed visiting on Friday. The children all have new classroom jobs and are adapting brilliantly to new routines. There are bound to be a few teething difficulties, so please do get in touch with us by phone or email with any concerns or questions.

Our topic this term is ‘Where do we live?’ – see attached document for full details. Homework continues to be reading, times tables and occasional extra tasks on Class Dojo. Please send in signed reading records every Monday morning, when we expect children to have read at least four times in the previous week. No need to bring in reading books or reading records any other day, unless children need to change their books. PE day is Thursday, so children will need to come to school on Thursday in their PE kit.

#### Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

During the month of June, all Year 4s will take the national times tables test. This consists of 25 mixed questions from all the tables up to 12, where they will have 6 seconds to answer each question. We are working on these in school, but the children will also need to spend time at home practising. You could use a mixture of songs, asking questions in random order, Times tables Rockstars, Hit the button, and this website, which is close to the format that will be used: [https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/?fbclid=IwAR37fhMkGqAm3\\_gpTACPjJ0nhHq-i3LdRvHqLFyyB-Y-tJDLn\\_LQ80kfgf8](https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/?fbclid=IwAR37fhMkGqAm3_gpTACPjJ0nhHq-i3LdRvHqLFyyB-Y-tJDLn_LQ80kfgf8)

We will continue to hold a times tables test in school every Thursday morning for both year groups, and your child should bring home their sheet on a Thursday with the specific tables they need to practise for the following week. For some children, this will be mixed tables, so they need to practise the tables they are least confident with.

We will be arranging a trip later in the term – more details to follow. We look forward to an exciting term of learning, continuing to build on the triangle of relationships between home, school and child. As always, do get in touch with any queries.

Best wishes,

Mrs Kirby

