



January 2022

Dear Goldfinch Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed the holidays. The children seem to have come back healthy, so fingers crossed we keep it that way for a good while!

Our topic this term is 'What was it like for children in WWII?' If you have any artefacts in your family and feel able to send them into school that would be great, or put photos on Class Dojo if you prefer. Have a look at our class page on the website for more details about our learning.

As part of our topic, we will be going on a KS2 trip to STEAM in Swindon in March, as well as having a visit from GARAS (Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers). More details nearer the time.

Our homework this term continues to be reading, times tables and occasional extra tasks on Class Dojo. Please send in signed reading records every Monday and remind your child to practise for our tables test every Thursday. This is particularly important for Year 4, who will take part in the Multiplication Tables Check in June (more details when we have them). We expect children to read at least four times a week and to have their reading record signed by an adult, and will be spending some of playtime reading with children who haven't read at home.

Children should come into school on Tuesdays and Thursdays wearing their PE kit, including trainers. The maze is too muddy to use at the moment so PE will take place on the playground until the weather improves. Please also ensure your child has a coat as we do still go outside at playtimes and lunchtimes and for PE, even if it's drizzly. We are keeping the classroom well ventilated, so please ensure your child wears layers of clothing.

Do use Dojo if you have any queries, and keep an eye on there for reminders and photos of what we are doing in class. Here's to a happy and productive 2022.

Best wishes,

Mrs Kirby

