



September 2021

Dear Goldfinch Parents,

I hope you have had a lovely summer and are looking forward to a hopefully normal school year! The children have settled back in well, despite some understandable nerves as we get used to school, to each other and to a new routine.

Our homework this term will be reading, times tables and P4C (Philosophy for Children), with occasional extra tasks on Class Dojo. First and foremost, please continue to foster a love of reading by hearing your child read every day and by reading to them. Please sign your child's reading record and send it into school on a Monday morning. There will also be a times tables test usually on a Thursday, starting Thursday 16th September. The children will all start the year on the 2 times tables and work their way through to the 12s. Purple Mash has a wealth of resources to help children learn their tables, including customisable tables practice (Home – Maths – tables – custom). There won't be spellings to learn at home this year as we are using a new spelling scheme where we do all the teaching, learning and practice in school.

The teaching assistants working in our class are Mrs King, Mrs Sanders and Mrs Spencer. On Fridays, Mrs Tyson will be teaching Goldfinch.

Our usual PE days this term are Mondays and Thursdays (except weeks beginning 6th and 20th September, when PE is on Thursday and Friday) and children should come into school on these days wearing their PE kit, including trainers. Football boots should be kept in school, and if they can learn to tie their own laces that would save us many hours! 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.

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. I look forward to getting to know your children better and to working together with you for the benefit of your children.

Best wishes,

Mrs Kirby

