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Dear Families,

Welcome back to our first term of the new academic year! We have had a great few days back at school and it has been a pleasure seeing the children come into school with excellent attitudes and working together brilliantly as a team!

The **Goldfinch teachers** are:

Mrs Jasmin Wright (Monday)

Mrs Rachael Farley (Tuesday-Friday)

Supporting the class at different times will be Mrs Vicky Allison, Miss Sophie Robinson, Mrs Gemma Frost, Mrs Cheryl Winter and Mrs Debbie Newson.

Equipment

The items that your child will need for school are a water bottle and a packed lunch (unless they are having a school dinner). They might also want to bring in a snack for breaktime as snack is not provided in KS2. This should be a piece of **fruit or vegetable**. There is no need for pencil cases as all equipment is provided, but if your child would like to keep a small pencil case in their bag for afternoon activities, they are very welcome to do so.

We ask that children do not bring in fidget toys or Smart watches. We have fidget toys available in class that they are welcome to use if they feel they need one.

They will also need weather appropriate clothing- a waterproof is particularly handy at this time of year, as we still tend to go outside for breaktimes if there is light rain. On **Wednesdays**, the Goldfinches will have **Outdoor Learning Sessions** and so it will be particularly important that the children have a coat on that day. The children should also bring in wellies or sturdy, waterproof shoes on a Wednesday in case of rain.

Our **PE days** are on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Pupils can come to school in their usual polo shirt and school jumper with dark coloured shorts/ tracksuit trousers and trainers.

This term's curriculum

Our termly project is **Unity**, and we will be exploring this theme across the curriculum.

In **English**, we will be focusing on **foundational skills**; spelling, forming sentences correctly and handwriting. Alongside these key skills, we will be reading a variety of books as a class and will be doing tasks linked to the books.

Our **maths** lessons will be covering the topics: **place value, addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division.**

In **science**, the children will be taught in their year groups. Mrs Winter will be teaching the year 3s and Mrs Farley will be teaching all of the year 4s from both goldfinches and skylarks together. For both year groups, the topics covered this term will be '**Rocks**' and '**Forces and Magnets'**.

Our **geography** topic this half term will be, **Where does our food come from**? After half term, in **history**, we will be investigating **Would you prefer to have lived in the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age?**

In **art,** the children will be completing a unit called, **Festival Feasts** and in **D&T**, a unit called **Eating Seasonally.**

Reading and Home Learning

Sharing a book with a child, whether that is reading to them, hearing them read or discussing books, is the most important thing families can do to support a child's education. We would ask you to listen to your child read at least **three times per week**.

All children will have a **book band** book at their level, which will help them gradually build up their vocabulary and reading confidence. They will also have a '**reading for pleasure'** book, which is something purely of their choice. Please could they have their reading book and reading diary in their bags every day as we will use these regularly. We will be visiting the library every **Friday** and the children will be able to choose a book to bring home.

The children will bring a reading diary home this week. Please ensure that reading is recorded in the reading diary; this can be written in by the child or adult to record what has been read. We will be collecting reading books and diaries in on a **Tuesday** and books will be changed if needed (some of the books will be longer and will possibly take more than a week to read). Please feel free to record (or encourage your child to record) any reading of home books too- it is always great to see what the children have been reading at home!

Homework menus and information for the Autumn term will also be sent home this week. The children will continue to have access to Times Table Rock Stars.

We look forward to working with your children over the course of the year. Please get in touch if you have any queries and we will be happy to help.

Best wishes,

Mrs Farley and Mrs Wright