

# Goldfinches Newsletter

Welcome Back!

September 2020



Hi everyone,

As children return to school we recognise that most children will have missed a significant proportion of last year's learning. Please be reassured that we have a plan that we will share in the coming weeks, but at its core we will be identifying the gaps in the children's learning and teaching to those gaps. We will also be proactive in supporting the children's mental health and well-being.

We hope you are all as excited as us to come back to school! We have already put some information onto Class Dojo and will continue to use this to communicate with you all so please make sure you check our class story regularly.

We appreciate that things are different but we will try our best to make these first few weeks of settling in enjoyable and fun for them all. If you do have any questions please just ask, message us through Class Dojo or you can ring the school office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

## Our New Topic – What do we know about the Victorians and the way they lived?

We will be exploring the Victorian era, comparing it to our lives today. This will involve looking at what a Victorian classroom looked like, the kind of jobs they had and the types of games they played. We will be holding our very own Victorian Day on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020**. We ask that the children come into school dressed as a Victorian - this could be a dress and apron or a shirt and some shorts (feel free to get as creative as you would like!)



## Reading, Spellings and Maths Homework

Children are encouraged to change their own reading books in Year 2. They will have the opportunity to do this on a Friday. We will support the children at first but we like to let them take ownership of their reading books.

Children will have a spelling test and given new spellings, every Friday morning linked to our phonics focus each week.

Children will also bring home a piece of maths homework each week in a homework folder. This should be returned on a Friday and they will be given a new piece to come home with each week.

## PE

Our PE sessions are on a **Monday and Wednesday**.

The children will have a session with Next Level Sports on a Monday and with me on a Wednesday. Please bring your child to school in their PE kit on these days. The children will stay in their PE kits all day so please make sure their kit is appropriate for the weather.



## Meet the Teacher

Due to COVID and social distancing, our Meet the Teacher session will be held via Zoom on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 4:10. Details to access the Zoom meeting will be posted on Class Dojo on the day. If you cannot attend, most information is on this Newsletter but I will send any other bits of information home.



On another note, we would just like to let you know that at the moment, we cannot accept any sweets/cakes etc. in for children's birthdays. We will however make sure that the children have a special moment in class for their birthdays!

We would also like to let you know some exciting news that Brinsley will have a new addition in March as Miss Baldwin is expecting a baby. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating her!

Thanks for your continued support! We look forward to meeting you all properly.

**Miss Cotton, Miss Baldwin & Mrs White**

