



Literacy



Topics to be covered this term include:

We look forward to continuing to progress in our daily focused phonics sessions, developing the children's knowledge of initial sounds of words, developing understanding of graphemes and blending phonemes to read words. The children will enjoy 'squiggle whilst you wiggle' sessions and dough disco. We will continue to form all letters accurately. Many of our topics will be based on well-known stories which will develop their communication and language skills further. We will be reading with your child and will also introduce paired reading which will develop reading further. **How you can help** - We thank you for reading regularly at home with your child. Please support your child to write their first and surnames and key words that are sent home.

Class - Spring Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Welcome to spring term in Gold Class! Feedback from our children last term suggested that their highlights from our Autumn term were; our skittles Science experiment, Grandparents day, learning to write letters, making our very own firework display in the hall, caring for animals in our role-play vets, and of course, our class trip to Houghton Regis library, followed by baking our very own gingerbread man! The children will experience even more fun filled, action packed learning experiences this term. We welcome 'Travelling Ted' to our Gold team. Travelling Ted looks forwards to visiting your home very soon- please ask your child if you require any further information!

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Skelton and Ms Banfield

PE



The will be learning to negotiate space when playing, racing and chasing. They will be developing their throwing, catching and kicking skills, along with continuing to travel with confidence under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment. It is essential that children are well equipped for this important and fun part of our curriculum. Children should have an outdoor and indoor PE kit. Many of our PE activities are held outdoors so children are encouraged to bring warm clothing (e.g. jogging/tracksuit trousers). Please help your child to remember their kit. Please ensure your child has a **named** PE kit in school which we will send home each half term to be washed. PE remains on Fridays.

Maths



We will continue to develop our number recognition through investigating numbers inside and outside of the classroom. We will be learning 1 more and 1 less than a given number and adding two groups of numbers together. We will be using vocabulary linked to addition and subtraction and learn about 2D and 3D shapes. We will be measuring using blocks, jumps, rulers, tape measures and child initiated techniques. We look forwards to playing mathematical games with your child.

How you can help - Counting, writing numbers to 10 and beyond, exploring numbers in the environment and working with numbers through your child's play.

Topic work - topics this term will include:

- *Dinosaur Stomp (chosen by the children)!
- *Jack and the beanstalk
- *People who help us
- *3 Billy Goat's Gruff
- * The Gruffalo
- * Easter

Children will enjoy adding their own topic ideas!

WOW EVENTS: Careers Day and Easter WOW afternoon for parents/Carers- :dates to follow.

Homework - As a school, we value highly your commitment to supporting reading at home. Last term, your child's book was changed twice per week in school. This term, you will find a reading tray outside the Gold classroom entrance so that your child can change their home reader independently and as they complete each book. Please continue to practise name writing at home using your child's individual name card and look out for fun, creative mathematics challenges in your child's book bag!

Many thanks for encouraging, praising and supporting your child with all aspects of learning and school life.