



Newsletter

Goldfinch Spring Term 1 2025

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Welcome to the Ark Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the Spring Term 1

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please do not hesitate to contact us.

Maths

We will begin our term exploring different methods of finding the difference using mental methods and then exploring equivalence to solve calculations— this will require the children to recap key facts they know and use them to solve more complicated calculations. We will also continue to push learning times tables.

English

We will continue to complete out daily reading sessions which have been focusing on the understanding of the text through retrieval and inference skills. We are enjoying exploring a range of texts including poems. In our writing lessons, we will continue to focus on the construction of extended sentences using a range of conjunctions. We are going to explore more complex punctuation including correctly punctuating speech within a sentence. We will also be looking at our word choices through the exploration of synonyms.



RE

Our key question is 'What are the 5 pillars of Islam?'

Our focus for this half term will be developing our knowledge and understanding of five pillars of **Islam** and the importance of these to Muslim believers. Pupils will gain a greater understanding of **Islam** and what we can learn from its beliefs, values and ideas. We will look at the important Islamic festivals.

Science—Earth and Space

As part of our science learning, we will be exploring space; in particular the Sun, Moon and the Earth. We will investigate their properties and their movement. We will begin to get an understanding of why we have day and night and the seasons.

PE/Forest School/Swimming

Monday—No uniform due to Forest School

Tuesday—Uniform to be worn

Wednesday—Uniform to be worn

Thursday—Uniform to be worn but provide kit for swimming and PE (PE kit will then remain in school).

Friday—Uniform to be worn, PE also on this day but kit will already be in school to change (PE kit will remain in school).

Computing

The children will have the chance to explore the computer programming software – Scratch. This is an introduction into computer coding and programming. They will design and debug programs. They will develop their skills in using keyboards, mouse and touch screens. We will also continue to focus on staying safe online as part of our PSHE topic.

Other Curriculum Areas

History

We will be learning about the Vikings. The children will find out when and where they originated and to where and why they travelled. We will look at what evidence we have of their expansive travelling. They will also learn about their religion and their beliefs, their homes, jobs and village life.



Spanish

The children will continue practise a number of Spanish greetings:

- Ask and answer the question 'How are you?' in Spanish.
- Ask and answer the question 'What is your name?' in Spanish.
- Count to 10 in Spanish.
- Read, write, say and recognise 10 colours in Spanish.



Diary Dates

11.02.25 - Safer Internet Day
06.03.25 - World Book Day
04.04.25 - The Ark Come Dine With Me
07.03.25 - INSET Day
10.03.25 - INSET Day

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