



Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023 - Goldfinch

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Welcome to Goldfinch's Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the Autumn Term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Miss MacDonald directly, in the first instance.

Topic - Our topic for this term is 'Dragons and explorers'

Through our Topic lesson we will be discovering the tales of dragons and the mythological beliefs in ancient times. We will be looking at their adventures and the impact it had on life and stories today.

The second half of the term will focus on the explorers around the world and where they have explored and why they are famous.

In Art and DT we will be looking at drawing and sketching a dragon's eye and then creating it out of clay.

PSHEe

Our PSHEe topics for this term will be Back to School, Getting on with everyone and Dealing with feelings.



Maths

To begin the term we will be learning about number, addition and subtraction, where we will look at the composition of 1,000 and four digit numbers. We will then move on to solving multiplication and division problems involving larger numbers. Following on from this we will be learning our 11 and 12 times tables and solving problems involving these.

Throughout the term, we will be practicing our times tables, completing our weekly club sheets and our weekly arithmetic to improve our rapid recall of number facts.



English

We will be learning what makes a good sentence and the importance of accurate punctuation. We will continue to develop handwriting and improve the legibility, consistency and quality of handwriting across the curriculum.

In our English lessons we are going to be focusing on our Brilliant Basics:

- Basic punctuation is mainly correct.
- Letter formation and placement is mainly accurate.
- Finger spaces

RE

In the first half term we will be focussing on the creation story and acting out the story and creating it out of play dough.

Forest School

On a Monday afternoon your child will be taking part in Forest School activities. Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for outdoor learning on those days. We suggest for your child to bring a coat and gloves weather dependant.



During science we will focus on our bodies and how to stay healthy. We will look at nutrition and what our bodies need to stay healthy.

PE

Children will be having a PE lesson on a Wednesday afternoon with Soccer 2000. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit (including joggers) in school as it is expected all children participate. Please remove earrings for PE lessons.

On Friday mornings, we will have swimming lessons as part of our PE. This will take place at St Regis School. All children are expected to participate.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will learn how to help our friends and others when they are showing a range of emotions. We will also be working in smaller, targeted groups to develop good speaking and listening skills.

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