

Curriculum report to Parents and Carers of Gold and Ruby Class

Dear Parents / Carers,

Laurel Fleming - Gilmore, Gold Class and Gabi Symons, Ruby Class would like to welcome you and your child back to the new academic year. Here is an overview of the curriculum planned for this term and any additional targets that you and your child can work on together. It promises to be an inspiring and busy term!

In Maths, we will continue to follow the Maths Mastery scheme of work. This term, we will focus on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division in a range of contexts. Please encourage and help your child at home by practising their times tables (2s, 3s, 5s, 10s) and number bonds. Children can also attain lots of excellent number skills through cooking, looking at timetables for trains and buses or when you are shopping. There are also many online interactive games, such as JT Blast and Hit the Button, which are useful for encouraging children to practise maths skills.



In English, we will begin by looking at settings of stories and the use of dialogue. We will also be reading and exploring a range of poems and plays. We will also be developing the skills of report writing and paying close attention to sentence structure and the use of punctuation. We will continue to develop continuous cursive handwriting. Please encourage your child to practise this handwriting at home. Please also remind your child that their **patch folder should be taken home every day** so that they can spend at least 20 minutes reading every evening. Children will also be given a weekly spelling and times tables test every Tuesday, so please arrange time to practise these on a daily basis. Guided reading will be happening daily, so please ensure your child is on time every day with their reading record and PATCH folder so they do not miss this vital opportunity to read with an adult.

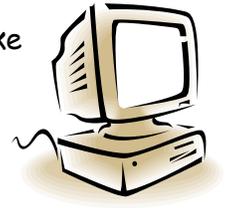


We will also begin learning about life in Prehistoric Britain (Stone Age to Iron Age). This engaging topic introduces children to life in the past and they really enjoy learning how early humans lived. Please encourage your children to discuss these experiences at home and engage in any extra research by visiting local libraries and museums. Creating posters or booklets of their findings is a great way for your child to share their learning with others. During October, we will be exploring Black History. This year, year 3 will be looking at the life of Jesse Owens. Children also have their own logins to the Espresso website, which is a fantastic educational website filled with topic related activities and videos.

In Science, we will be focusing on forces and magnets. We will be learning about what materials are used to make different objects. This will also involve exploring the properties of materials and how this affects what they are used for. We will also be learning about different foods and their nutritional value.

In Religious Education, we will be studying the faiths of Islam and Christianity. We will look at how these faiths affect their follower's lives. This term, we will be discussing the question 'Why is Jesus important to Christians?'

In Art, we will be using a range of media to explore the Stone Age cave paintings and focusing on close observational drawings. We will be taking part in the Tate Gallery's 'Take One Picture' competition, which is Paolo Uccello's 'Battle of San Romano'.



In Computing, we will be exploring different applications. Children will be given the opportunity to extend their word processing skills. We are going to have a strong focus on e-safety and will learn to code using 'Espresso Coding' and a range of other programming software.

P.E will take place Wednesday for both classes. The children will be taking part in Cricket lessons, led by Middlesex cricket coaches. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for P.E. lessons. They should be wearing joggers/leggings and trainers/plimsolls.



Swimming will take place on Mondays and will be on rotation between the year three classes. Children will need to bring a swimming costume or **tight trunks** (not baggy shorts), a **swimming hat** and a towel. Please make sure your child carries these in a bag. For safety reasons, children are reminded that jewellery must not be worn during PE or swimming and that long hair must be tied back and tucked in a swimming hat. Goggles may be worn although any adjustments need to be made at home and children will be responsible for looking after them.

We will set homework on a Thursday. Homework books will be distributed shortly (details to follow). On Thursday children will be given tasks which are to be completed by the following Tuesday. We also expect the children to be reading every night and practising their spellings and times tables.

Attendance and punctuality are very important. Please ensure that your child attends school on time. All children should be in class at 9.15am. At the end of the school year, 100% attendance certificates are awarded to those children who have attended school all year. If your child is away then we need to know why. Registers are checked regularly by the School Educational Welfare Officer to ensure every child's attendance.

We look forward to having an exciting, enjoyable and educational term and welcome your support in any way to achieve this. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to your child's teacher if you have any queries about your child or their progress.

Yours faithfully,

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