

Dear Parents/Carers of Goldfinch Class,  
Welcome to the new school year! We hope you all had a great break, and we're very happy to welcome you and your child into Year 1.

Our overall topic for the first half term is; *We Belong Here!*  
Many aspects of the curriculum will be linked to this topic.

### English

We will be using three texts to develop your child's understanding of English: *Hug for Humphrey*, by Steve Smallman, *From Head to Toe*, by Eric Carle, and *Ravi's Roar*, by Tom Percival. We will talk about our opinion of each book - what we like, dislike; about the events taking place in the story and the order in which they take place.

Children will write labels and captions to describe different parts of a story. We will break down sentence writing, thinking about starting with a capital letter, leaving finger spaces and ending with a full stop.

### Maths

We will be learning about addition and subtraction, through comparing two sets of objects and recognising that one set can have more/fewer objects than another. We will learn about using symbols to represent meaning:  $>$ , more than,  $<$  less than,  $=$ , equals.

Children will learn about the 'cherry' model, and will use it to split amounts into parts (part, part, whole).

### Science

Our science topic this half term is; Humans! We will learn about parts of our body, healthy eating, and the five senses. We will link this work to outdoor learning, by using our senses to explore the forest school. Science skills will develop, as we learn to observe, and to record the things we notice. The school lunch menu will be our starting point for talking about healthy food choices and learning how a well-balanced diet enables children to grow strong and healthy.

### RE

We will be thinking about the world around us, exploring and describing natural objects and learning about the Christian creation story.

### ICT

We will learn how to use the different functions of a PC and a tablet

### ART

Our work in art will link to our topic, 'We belong here!' and we will develop various artistic techniques, such as pencil sketching for self-portraits, and observational painting, as we observe closely, then paint what we see.



**Goldfinch PE days: Tuesdays and Fridays.** Please come to school wearing appropriate clothing for PE (trainers, leggings/shorts/tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie).

### **Y1 Home Learning**

For the first half term, the priority will be to read with your child at home every day. Your child will have two books - one from the classroom to be shared for pleasure. The other will be a Bug Club book to read online.

Please ensure that reading response books come to school in book bags every day.

### **Me Books**

Inside your child's Me Books there will be a grid with nine tasks. We would like your child to complete at least seven (one for each week of the half term). Please keep the Me Books in your reading bags and bring to school each day, as we will be sharing them from time to time throughout the half term.

### **Forest School...**

..is an exciting addition to your child's Year 1 experience.

Goldfinch class will use the Forest School, in our playground, on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

**September.**

Please send your child into school with wellies that day.

### **Visits**

Educational visits will be an important part of your child's learning in Year 1. We plan to start with a visit to Mountsfield Park, during the week beginning **03.10.22**. This visit will link with our learning in science and RE.