



GOLDFINCH PRIMARY

Building Excellence

Year 1 & 2 Newsletter



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Friday, 31st January 2020

It has been a great start to the Spring Term in KS1!

Moon Class have been learning all about the different animal groups (reptiles, amphibians, insects, mammals, birds and fish) and have been sorting and grouping animals in different ways.

Star class have had a busy week beginning their learning journey about the monarchs. We have also started reading a new book, 'If all the world were...' by Joseph Coelho – a poetic picture book about the love between a little girl and her grandad.

In Key Stage 1:

Year 1 (Moon Class) – Moon class have been learning all about the life of Mary Anning and the part she played in fossil discovery! They will be able to see the huge ichthyosaur fossil, which she discovered, when visiting the Natural History Museum next week!

Year 2 (Star Class) – Star class have been busy planning and writing their own version 'The Bear and the Piano' for their Golden write. The stories were very imaginative! The children have also been solving a range of problems using their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes.



Well Being Week

Next week in school is our Spring Term Wellbeing week and we have chosen the theme of 'Find your Brave.' This will run alongside Place2Be's Mental Health week from 3rd - 7th February. The children will be learning about what mental health is and the barriers we can face when being brave. There will be a Place2Be coffee morning for parents on Wednesday 5th Feb - keep an eye out for more details about this next week. We are also launching a show and tell activity where the children can bring in something from home which tells a story about a time when they found their brave. They will then have the opportunity to share this with their class.

How you can help your child at home

Reading

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible at home and try to ask them questions about what they are reading.

Books will now be changed every **Wednesday** in both classes. Please sign your child's Reading Record book every time you read with them.

The children take home one levelled book which they should read independently as well as a story of their own choice which you can read together.

Reminders and important dates:

Golden Books Showcasing (parents invited)

Monday 10th February between 3pm and 3.30pm

Y1 fossil workshop (parents invited)

Wednesday 12th February at 2pm – more details to follow

Y2 Trip to Brockwell Park (WOW day)

Wednesday 26th February – more details to follow

Tue 3rd March & Wed 4th March

Parents Evenings

Thursday 5th March -Dress Up Day/World Book Day

This year's Book Week theme is Traditional Tales, e.g. The Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel

The children are encouraged to dress up as a fairy tale character.

Attendance

Moon – 94.7% 😞

Star – 94.4% 😞