



# GOLDFINCH PRIMARY

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## Year 5 Newsletter

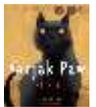


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Friday 17th September 2021



**English:** In English we will be reading and exploring three wonderful texts to develop our Reading skills and inspire our Writing. These are 'Town is by the Sea', 'Firebird'. 'Varjak Paw' will be used as a focus during Guided reading.



**Maths:** In Maths, we will be investigating 'Decimal Fractions', 'Money' and 'Negative numbers' including written calculation methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will continue to focus on learning (and quick recall of) multiplication tables facts and division facts during short 'fluency' sessions.



**Other Curriculum Learning:** Within our 'Firedamp and Davy Lamp' learning we will explore different types of rock, how coal is formed, the history of coal mining (and working conditions), the industrial revolution, fossil fuels and the need to find alternative sources of fuel.



### Dates and reminders

PE days are: mostly Wednesday and Thursday- however, there are a number of Tuesdays- all families and children will be reminded each week of the PE days. Children may wear their school uniform PE kit to school on PE days.

We will also be completing our 'Daily Mile' each day (5 minutes of slow jogging). This is a national focus which has had proven benefits in ensuring children are more focused and have more energy while becoming fitter.

Please remind your children to read every day and bring in their reading records.

Home Learning - Home Learning is given out each **Friday** and needs to be **returned by the following Wednesday**. Home Learning will normally include Maths tasks (which will revise concepts currently taught in class) and spelling (which may be linked to other curriculum learning in Science, History or geography).

In computing the children will continue to develop their understanding of staying safe on the internet, the use of the 'network' and coding.



In art we will be developing our understanding of using tone in pencil drawings. We will be investigating the work of Bridget Riley and a range of examples of OP Art.

### How you can help your child at home

Reading- Please encourage your child to read as much as possible. Please do ask them about what they have read. You could ask about the choices particular characters have made or about what your child thinks might happen next in the story.

Maths / Times tables -Please practice times tables with your children at home. Children can use Mathletics to enhance their learning at home (you will find their login details in children's reading record).

**Attendance:** 90.9% 🙄

