

Dear Parents of Goldfinches

September 2018

Firstly we are welcoming our new class teacher Mrs Chudasama to Goldfinches on Thursdays and Fridays and with our newly painted classroom it's an exciting start!

We hope this letter gives you useful information about life in Goldfinches!

In Goldfinches children will need a **named** water bottle and their **book bags** in school every day.

The children will each have a reading book and a reading journal and they are expected to change their own books from the reading scheme in class. This normally happens first thing in the morning. Children are heard read weekly in guided reading groups and individually throughout the week by either teachers, teaching assistants or parent helpers. In the Guided Reading sessions reading journals are checked and, as part of our encouragement for the children to read at home, every time a child is heard read at home and the journal is signed they receive a dojo point/house point. The more home reads the more points! So keep reading!

Phonics and Spellings are continued to be taught daily in both Year 1 and 2 alongside the common exception words. Word lists, handwriting and learning spelling patterns will be sent home as part of homework tasks.

The children are often keen to bring things in from home to support their learning in class and this is great. We often set homework linked to our topic to encourage links between home and school learning. We welcome items linked to the topic in class and for our role play area. A Show and Tell rota is included.

PE will take place on Monday (Outdoor PE) and Friday (Indoor PE) so all children will need their PE kits in school. It is best to have their PE kits in all week. Please include **named** school PE T- shirt, blue shorts and trainers. Joggers when it is cold as the children will be outside on Mondays. Naming your child's belongings really helps develop your child's independence as well as saving time at school and your money!

The more detailed termly curriculum information can be found on the school website www.baydon-school.org.uk on the Goldfinches class page.

We hope this information is useful. Please do not hesitate to speak to us with any problems or queries, after school is normally the best time.

Many thanks for your support
Mrs Christmas and Mrs Chudasama