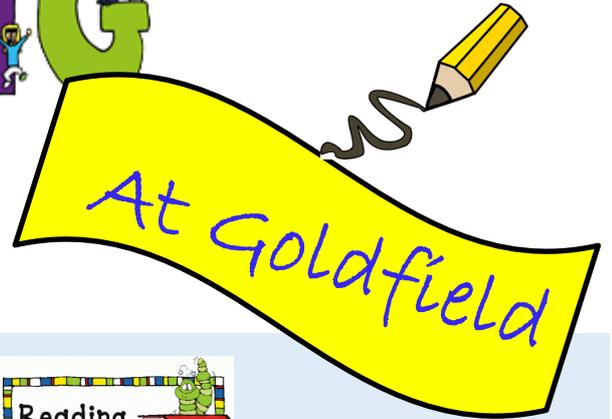




HOME LEARNING



As we find ourselves back in another national Lockdown the team here at Goldfield want to assure you of our commitment to the children's continued attainment and progress. We want to outline the plans that we have to keep the children actively learning at home with you, while still feeling part of the community in school.

The class teaching teams will have already shared activities for today and tomorrow, the full weeks planning will arrive soon ready for next week. I often emphasise the importance of practical/explorative learning for our young children. Our assessment of the children on their return from the previous lockdown has shown that pencil skills, handwriting and general fine motor skill (such as cutting with scissors) have required additional focus. The children naturally had less time in school last year for the usual constant practice during a days activities in the classroom. For this reason we will be continuing to deliver paper packs for the children to complete and return for their teachers to share and value. Remote learning is not all about online learning, particularly in Early Years and Key Stage 1. We also know that not all families have the facilities to print, and it can be expensive. Keep an eye out for your deliveries on Thursday or Friday of each week.



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Reading is fundamental to all learning, reading stories and listening to your child read each day should be central to home learning. Those children that have experience of listening to a range of texts build wonderful imaginations and become excellent writers too. We will be including books in the learning packs, please could these be returned through our post-box system regularly. The teaching teams will Zoom groups of children for phonic and reading activities. We are looking forward to one to one reading sessions via Zoom too.

Focus On... Feedback



There will also be online activities within the planning that will arrive by email for the week. The activities the children are following

are the same for the children at home as those in school. We will be looking for work to be returned to us promptly. This can be in any way that is easy for you, we would love the paper copies back as a record of your child's progress, a photo or scan would also be great. The interaction and feedback process is going to be essential to enable the class teachers to appropriately pitch the work moving forward and differentiate for the children, keeping them interested and 'building their learning power!' Videos from our team will teach concepts in Maths and English. These will be short, recorded videos that are appropriate for optimum attention and can be re-watched if required. Oak Academy, Purple Mash, Pinterest and a good mix of other multi-media tools and topics will also be included.



Exercise!

From next Wednesday we will have 2 new red post-boxes (one at each entrance). Once you have collected the activities for the week, why not pop them back in the A4 envelope and post them in the box on a Friday as part of your daily exercise!



For the next couple of weeks the Home Learning will arrive via email with links to the teaching videos, which have been saved as YouTube links. However, last term we secured a Government Grant to set up Google Classroom and will be working towards having everything on one platform as soon as possible.



Please contact us through the class email system if we can provide any additional support with home learning. Debbie Stevens, Headteacher