



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Important Diary Dates:

2022/23 Inset Days:

- 20th February 2023
- 24th & 25th July 2023
- Monday 8th May (additional Bank Holiday)

February half-term: Monday 13th – Friday 17th February 2023.

Cross country (race 4): KS2 only:
Tuesday 28th February at 4pm at Mullion
(Peninsula qualifier)

Whole school trip (to Tregullas Farm):
Friday 24th March

Y3/4 residential trip: Thursday 25th –
Friday 26th May

Y5/6 residential trip: Wednesday 14th –
Friday 16th June

Google Classrooms:

Google Classrooms have been set up for all children. Please ensure your child has accepted the invitation and joined their new 2022/23 classrooms.

Class teachers do share information and work on these, as well as sharing photographs from key events (such as the talent show).

Please contact Mrs Thomas if you require any support.

After School Club: Make it Mondays:

Below is a list of the sessions planned for this month:

- 16th Jan: Make your own miniature clay Chinese New Year dragon or rabbit
- 23rd Jan: Create your own Chinese noodles. Mix own sauce and add your own veg.
- 30th Jan: Painting (please could you bring a change of clothes for this session)

If you wish your child to join us for any of sessions, please contact Mrs Thomas in the school office and confirm which sessions you would like your child to attend.

General reminders:

PE Kit:

PE Kits should be in school every day. If you do take it home, please ensure it comes back into school the next day, as PE lessons could take place on any day.

Polite reminder:

Please could we ask any parent/carers who collect their children accompanied by a dog to avoid standing near the double-gates at pick-up.

We are mindful that we have some children who are frightened of dogs and do not like leaving when there are dogs close to the exit. Dogs are also not allowed in the playground.

We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Census Day Menu: Thursday 19th January:

- Burger in a bun or
- Quorn hotdog
- Both served with chips, peas and beans

- Dessert: cookie & ice-cream

A reminder, that due to supply issues, tuna is still not available.

Emerald Class Update:

This week the Emerald class have been very busy! The children all loved Boogie Bounce on Thursday and didn't stop talking about it!

They also enjoyed learning about materials in science. We identified every day materials and started to sort the materials according to their properties. We also had a think about which materials are man-made and which are natural.

The Emeralds also had fun during their talk through stories session. We are using the story 'Aliens love Underpants' to freeze frame different parts of the story pretending we were the aliens. All the children were amazing at this!

Diamond Class Update:

This week we began work on our new themes for History -The Tudors, Geography - Megacities, and Science - Electricity.

We created a simple timeline, investigated the Tudor family tree, learned about the Battle of Bosworth and the subsequent creation of the Tudor family.

In Geography we have identified the top ten Megacities, which country they are in and calculated the population density of each.

We have begun our science work by identifying electrical and non-electrical appliances and grouping them based on whether they are mains- or battery-powered.

We have a number of texts linked to the Tudors which we will be using to teach our English this term and have begun with The Queen's Token by Pamela Oldfield.....Shakespeare to follow!

Mrs Brand is kindly joining us again to share a class novel and began Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson, which is based on the true story of Matthew Henson, him being the first man to reach the North Pole.

Zircon Class Update:

The children have returned from the Christmas break full of enthusiasm and eager to get stuck into their new history topic of the Ancient Greeks. Linking the topic to our English lessons, we have enjoyed reading Greek myths such as Theseus and the Minotaur and Odysseus and the Cyclops, identifying common features and themes. The children are now looking forward to planning and writing myths of their own.

In science, we will be starting a new unit on animals, including humans, looking at the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will be investigating the effects of exercise on heart rate and exploring the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way our bodies function.

PE lessons are looking particularly fun this term. Along with weekly Boogie Bounce and gymnastics lessons, the Year 6 pupils are also receiving Bikeability cycling proficiency training, although the first day was unfortunately hampered by persistent rain. Fingers crossed for better weather in the weeks to come!

Whole school trip: Tregullas Farm:

We're delighted to announce that the children will be going on a whole school trip to Tregullas Farm in Lizard village on Friday 24th March.

The children will learn more about this trip during an assembly taking place next week.

Any KS1 and Free School Meal children will be able to pre-order a packed lunch (cheese) to take with them on the day. However, this will have to be pre-ordered by Tuesday 14th March.

The cost is likely to be in the region of £4 per child. Further information and consent forms will be sent home shortly.