



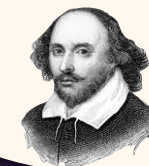
Unlocking the Magic

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Welcome to Term 3 and 4! In these notes you will find information relating to Goldfinches class and a brief overview of some of the areas of study your child will be covering at school over the next two terms.

Each 'big' term (autumn, spring and summer) we have a whole school theme that some activities might link to. Other areas stand alone and could be inspired for example by a book, current world events or a place. For terms 3&4 our theme is 'Unlocking the Magic'.

During Term Four we will be holding our annual Shakespeare Week! This year the whole school will be exploring the play *The Tempest*.



Things to Know

At Baydon we really love reading and promote reading for pleasure. Reading at home is key to support your child in their reading journey. In Goldfinches we aim to read with each child at least once a week. This will be at different times within the week so please ensure your child's reading books and records come in to school every day.

Each child will have two reading books a week and are offered a Baydon Buster to take home. In Goldfinches ownership over learning is encouraged, if a Goldfinch chooses to keep a book for another week that is fine.

Things to Know

In Goldfinches we have been learning Makaton sign! If you have any questions about Makaton please ask.

Forest School

Forest school will be paused from now to after the February break. Due to the chilly and wet weather.

Areas of Exploration

English

In Goldfinches we will continue to explore a range of books to unlock the love of reading. We will use many different books to inspire each writer in Goldfinches. We will start the term with *Tree: seasons come, seasons go*. We will also be continuing with JustRead this term where we read a book as a class together.

Science

We will start the year by comparing animals in science. Lessons will include exploring animal groups, comparing the features of different animals and understanding animals' diets.



Geography

In Geography this term Goldfinches will be answering the question what is the weather like here? We will be learning all about the four different countries in the United Kingdom and using compasses.

PE

This term the Goldfinches will be developing multi-skills. PE will be taught by Mr Smith. Please ensure all children have their kit in at all times.

RE

In Religion and World Views this term the Goldfinches will be learning about many religions and how different religions express ideas about their religion and beliefs.

History

In Goldfinches we will investigate how schools have changed over time. We will investigate our own school and education. Then compare what is the same and different between schools then and now.

ICT

All about algorithms! This term in Goldfinches class we will be learning all about algorithms, what they are, what the purpose is and the importance of them.

Art

This term the Goldfinches will be becoming architects. We will use technology and books to explore some of the world's most famous architecture. The Goldfinches will also explore the work of Hundertwasser before drawing and creating their very own architecture.

Mathematics

This term in Goldfinches we will be exploring addition and subtraction within 100, multiplication and statistics. We will continue with practices daily timetables and using math games to support our understanding and math knowledge.

DT

For DT this term the Goldfinches will be designing and making their own puppets. The skills which Goldfinches will develop include cutting and sewing skills.

PSHE

Over this term the Goldfinches will be learning all about keeping safe and body changes. This will include road safety, medicine safety and setting boundaries.