



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Well Lane Danbury Chelmsford CM3 4AB

Telephone: 01245 224994 Fax: 01245 224673

Email: admin@danburypark.essex.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs C Gooding BA (Hons), PGCE, MA (Ed), NPQH

Deputy Headteacher: Miss D Johnston BA

10.1.20

Dear Parents,



Learning in Goldfinch Class Spring Term 2020 Welcome as parents of our children in Goldfinch Class

Happy New Year to you all!

During this term our topic is titled 'Home and Away' and we will be learning about contrasting localities like the Arctic and Antarctic and Deserts and how they compare to our locality. The question we will be looking to answer is, 'What do you need to live here?' The children have recorded their thoughts on this already and we shall be revisiting the question throughout the topic to see if their opinions have changed!

We shall be investigating animals and their habitats in Science. Finally in DT we shall be designing and making animal puppets. If you have any postcards, photographs, artefacts, souvenirs or books related to the locations we will be studying please send them in with your child's name on so we can return them.

Please see the curriculum map on our class page on the school website for more details on the exciting learning journey that your child will experience this term.

Inuit Boat Building Day – Friday 20th March

After the half term holiday we shall be collecting 'junk modelling' materials, e.g. cardboard, plastic tubs and bottle tops, to help us construct a boat. We would love your help during our boat making day. This is truly a busy day with the construction and painting of boats. Yes, we really can achieve all of this in one day! It wouldn't be the success it is without parents/carers and grandparents donating their valuable time to come in and help. Be prepared to get covered in PVA glue and paint and I will provide the tea and biscuits!

Class Routines

Our PE days are Mondays and Thursdays, so children will need to bring their shorts, jogging trousers, a t-shirt, PE sweatshirt or school tracksuit and trainers for outdoors. Please remember earrings must be removed for PE lessons and that long hair needs to be tied back every day. It would be really helpful if your child could keep a spare pair of socks in their PE bag, thank you.



The children have the opportunity to have a drink of water in class after each playtime. Please check that your child's water bottle is clearly named.

Spellings will be tested on Fridays. A Maths game may be given to your child, if they are a Year One, on a Friday. Please remember to return your child's maths game and spelling books on a Wednesday. Mathletics challenges will continue to be set and a sticker will be placed in your child's diary to indicate this. Year twos have the Times Tables Rockstar login to use as well. This will be helpful in preparation for their weekly times tables tests which begin this term

I would also like to encourage all children to read to someone at home every night for about 10 minutes as this is invaluable to your child's learning. If you could initial their home-school link book or write a comment to show your child's reading this will help us to praise your child in school. Can I also remind you that their book bag and PE kit needs to be in school every day.

I look forward to meeting with you at our parent-teacher consultations in February. If you have any concerns, queries or information to share before then, please talk to me before or after school or leave a message at the school office and I will contact you as soon as possible to arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 11 th February	3:40-6:00 p.m.	Parent-Teacher consultations
Thursday 13 th February	6:00-8:30 p.m	Parent-Teacher consultations
Friday 7 th February	2:50 p.m.	Class Goldfinch Assembly to parents

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

D Johnston

Miss D Johnston
Class teacher

