



Welcome back everyone! I am glad to see all the children returning to school after, from what I hear, a very enjoyable holiday. As you have probably noticed from being in the classroom, we are yet to start our new topic. Your children worked so hard to practice the Christmas show (which I am sure you will all agree was well worth it and a huge success) that we didn't get to spend enough time on our *People Who Help Us* topic. Therefore, we will continue that for the coming week and then move on to a celebration of Chinese New Year. The rest of the term will be focused on *Growing and Changing* with our Talk for Writing story being *The Enormous Turnip*. A topic map with more information on both of these topics will follow in the coming weeks.

Important Notices

Staff change

We are excited to announce that the Kindergarten class will be joined by Ms. Shara. She brings with her a wealth of experience and we look forward to using her expertise (music, performing arts and physical education to name a few!) to broaden the children's experiences and learning in Kindergarten.



PE has moved!

Our Wednesday PE lesson has been changed to a **Monday afternoon** so please ensure your child is sent to school on Monday and Tuesday with a PE kit to change into.



Hats, arrival and home readers

Please send your child to school with a hat. As the weather gets hotter it becomes more imperative that they are protected from the sun. If they come without a hat they will have to stay in the shade which means...no swings, no fort and no ball games...all which are favourites among your children. **No hat = No sun!**



School starts at 8.10am and your children are marked on the register as **late at 8.15am.** Your child misses out on valuable social, learning and lesson time when they are late so please try to be punctual and at school before 8.15am.



Home readers

We are so excited to see children in class reading and enjoying their home reading books I enjoy reading your comments and hope that we are successful in building your child's enthusiasm for reading. Please continue to swap books on a **Tuesday** and **Friday** morning. It is a time-consuming process that we have planned into these two days so please try to stick to this routine.

Spring Timetable

As you can see from the timetable below there have been a lot of changes. This will probably continue to evolve as the children progress, our topics change and school events take place. To keep you up-to-date we will post information on the noticeboard outside the classroom so please check it when you drop off/pick up your child.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 ¹⁵	Arrival Self-registration and continuous provision	Arrival Self-registration and continuous provision	Arrival Self-registration and continuous provision	Arrival Self-registration and continuous provision	Arrival Self-registration and continuous provision
8 ³⁰	Whole class register Calendar Timetable	Whole class register Calendar Timetable	Whole class register Calendar Timetable	Whole class register Calendar Timetable	Whole class register Calendar Timetable
8 ³⁵	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy
8 ⁵⁵	Literacy focus groups/ Continuous provision	Literacy focus groups/ Continuous provision	Literacy focus groups/ Continuous provision	Literacy focus groups/ Continuous provision	Literacy focus groups/ Continuous provision
9 ³⁰	Outdoor Break Time	Outdoor Break Time	Outdoor Break Time	Outdoor Break Time	Outdoor Break Time
10 ⁰⁰	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack
10 ³⁰	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
10 ⁵⁰	Math focus groups/ Continuous Provision	Math focus groups/ Continuous Provision	Math focus groups/ Continuous Provision	Math focus groups/ Continuous Provision	Math focus groups/ Continuous Provision
11 ³⁰	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Guided Reading
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11 ⁵⁰	Outdoor Break Time	Outdoor Break Time	Outdoor Break Time	Outdoor Break Time	Outdoor Break Time
12 ¹⁵	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1 ⁰⁰	Spanish/PE Spanish focus groups/ Continuous Provision	Topic	Topic	Topic	Spanish
1 ⁴⁵		Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	
2 ⁰⁰		PE	Topic focus groups/ Continuous Provision	Topic focus groups/ Continuous Provision	Spanish focus groups/ Continuous Provision
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2 ⁴⁰	Show and Tell Story time	Show and Tell Story time	Show and Tell Story time	Show and Tell Story time	Show and Tell Story time
3 ⁰⁰	Home time	Home time	Home time	Home time	Home time

If you have any queries, questions or comments please don't hesitate to come and talk to Miss Claire after pick up (Drop off can sometimes be a little busy!). In turn, please keep us informed of anything that is happening at home that might affect your child and their behaviour in class. We look forward to another exciting and successful term in Gecko Class.

Miss Claire and Miss Shara