

SPRING TERM INFORMATION

Dear Peregrines class parents/carers,

Staffing is exactly the same as before Christmas, with Mrs Richardson will be teaching Monday and Tuesdays, Mrs Grace-Fox will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays, we will both be in school on Wednesdays. Class TA's supporting in Peregrines this year will be Mrs Stroud, Mrs Darby and Miss Lowrie.

The following information will provide a deeper insight into the term ahead, as well as a reminder of our Gastrells ethos, which is built around the core values of PRIDE, underpinning all aspects of our academic, social and emotional curriculum.

The Peregrines Team.

 <p>Positivity</p> <p>We approach every day with a positive mindset, to embrace challenge and celebrate successes.</p> <p>P</p>	 <p>Respect</p> <p>We show respect for ourselves, others, and our environment, creating a safe and supportive community for all.</p> <p>R</p>	 <p>Inclusivity</p> <p>We welcome and value diversity, ensuring that everyone feels a sense of belonging and has equal opportunities to succeed.</p> <p>I</p>	 <p>Determination and Challenge</p> <p>We are committed to helping children develop resilience and a growth mindset, empowering them to overcome obstacles and reach their full potential.</p> <p>D</p>	 <p>Excellence</p> <p>We strive for excellence in all aspects of school life, from academic achievements to personal development, aiming high and achieving our best.</p> <p>E</p>
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Please find several key areas outlined below for the next term:

Swimming

This term, the year 1s will be going swimming on Fridays, with the first lesson being on Friday 16th January.

PE

Children will have PE on Thursdays and Fridays. Unfortunately, this does mean that the years 1s will have swimming and PE on the same day – while we realise that this is not ideal, it is the only way we can logically fit it into our timetable.

Thursdays will be a gymnastics lesson. Fridays will be invasion games/ball skills.

Please send children into school wearing their PE kits.

A reminder that PE kits at Gastrells are:

- Gastrells branded black t-shirt/ plain black t-shirt
- black shorts/black leggings/black jogging bottoms
- Trainers for outdoor PE

Show & Tell

Unfortunately, due to time restraints we are sadly having to remove show and tell from our timetable. Please support us by encouraging children to leave toys/crystals/special items at home.

Reading

Reading will work exactly the same as last year. Children will bring home a Little Wandle phonic book on a Friday. This is the book that they have read in school multiple times in that week, this is their opportunity to impress you with their fluency and it builds their confidence. The Little Wandle book needs to be returned on the following Friday. Books that are damaged or not returned are chargable at £7.50 per book.

Snack

KS1 children are entitled to a free snack or they are welcome to bring their own snack. Please remember, snacks should be fruit/vegetables or a healthy cereal bar. (Please remember that we are a 'nut free' school).

Communication

As always, our door is always open for you should you like to have a chat about anything or ask any questions throughout the year. We would much rather putting your mind at ease over anything you are unsure of or any concerns that you have, so please do be in touch.

Moving forward, all information will come from the school office. This is to guarantee clear communication across the school.

The office's email address is admin@gastrells.gloucs.sch.uk

Teams??

Our learning focus this term:

English	Following the guidance that came out before Christmas, we are focusing on sentence composition, spelling and handwriting rather than genre-based writing. Children will be writing sentences based on targeted digraphs and trigraphs. They will also be creating their own sentences, orally rehearsing them and having a go at writing them independently.
Maths	Geometry, Multiplication/Division, Measurement- mass and length, Statistics
Science	Everyday Materials (Spring 1) Plants (Spring 2)
Art & DT	Come splash with me! April showers
Music	The Friendship Song
Computing	Digital Photography E-Safety
RE	Y1: Y2:
PSHE	Keeping Safe
Geography	Y1: What is it like to live in Shanghai? Y2: Why is our world wonderful?
History	Y1: How have toys changed? Y2: Who started the Great Fire of London?
PE	Gymnastics, Invasion games, Swimming

There's a slight change to the single year group teaching, as science will now be taught in year groups. Please see below:

Maths

Y1 with Mrs Richardson/Mrs Grace-Fox

Y2 with Mr Brown

Science

Y1 with Mrs Richardson

Y2 with Mr Brown

Humanities (History, Geography, RE)

Y1 with Mrs Grace-Fox

Y2 with Mrs Richardson

Extended Writes

Y1 with Mrs Grace-Fox

Y2 with Mr Brown



We look forward to a fabulous term ahead!

Mrs Richardson & Mrs Grace-Fox