



Survival Guide for Year R

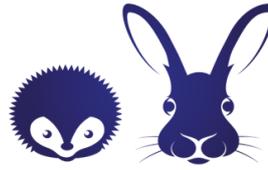
Meet the Team...



Miss Ward



Miss Pumphrey



Mrs Varnaseri



Miss Moody



Miss Marsh



Mrs Pullen



Miss Bushall



Don't forget that our Parent Handbook can be found on the school website.

Mrs McGoldrick will cover Rabbits and Hedgehogs and Miss Kelleher will cover Moles and Badgers class when the class teachers have PPA.

Our teaching team will be around on the playground at the beginning and end of every day.

You can also contact us via the school office on 01233 621616

You will also be able to contact the Reception team via email on yearparent@godinton.kent.sch.uk.

You will also receive an invitation to join the Tapestry app where you will be able to share your child's achievements at home.

We are always here to help and look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Welcome to Year R!

This is a very exciting time for you all as the children embark on their journey and begin school at Godinton. We have lots of exciting learning planned and we are looking forward to getting to know you all. The children are encouraged to be as independent as possible and we hope that you can support us with this at home. If you have been to anything exciting over the summer, please feel free to use your 'Look at What I Have Been Up To!' books and bring these in to share with us.

Our Homework Trails...

At the start of each term, the year group will be set a 'Homework Trail' which will last for the duration of each term. This trail includes weekly 'Base Camp' tasks, a menu of 'Trail' tasks which are all linked to the Learning Adventure topic, and an 'Extra Mile' Challenge. All Homework Trails will also be available to view on the school website so don't worry if you forget what to do. The choice of homework tasks all relate to work being taught in class and provide further practice and reinforcement of our Learning Adventure themes. Children are strongly encouraged to complete the tasks set but homework is not compulsory.

Each week, the children can take part in regular reading, phonics and Mathematics tasks which form the 'Base Camp' activities. 'Trail' tasks are a set of 9 tasks that the children can choose from, ensuring that the centre task has been completed—they cover a broad range of subjects and interests. The minimum expectation is that 3 tasks will be completed over a term in the children's homework books.

'Extra Mile' task – Children who 'go the extra mile' and complete 6 squares will receive an 'Extra Mile Sticker'. Any children who complete 3 'Extra Mile challenges' during terms 1–5 of this academic year, will take part in an end of term treat.

At the start of each term, each class will hold a 'Trail End Showcase' where children can share the homework they have completed over the previous term and celebrate their hard work. Children only need to bring their homework books back into school on Trail End day.



Base Camp Tasks...



Phonics

Phonics is an important part of the curriculum at Godinton where we follow the Monster Phonics programme. There will be an opportunity in the Autumn Term for parents to come into school to learn more about how they can support their child with phonics at home.

Mathletics

Once the children have settled, Maths homework will be set as an online activity each week. Within the first term, all children will be given log in details for their Mathletics accounts and we will provide parents with details on how to access pupil accounts. We hope that the children will enjoy this website and find the tasks set and educational games to be motivational and enjoyable to use.

Read, Read, Read ...

Children should be read with everyday. Reading makes up a fundamental part of language development in early childhood. Not only does it help with a child's ability to understand words, it ignites their spark and imagination. Reading plays a crucial role for speech development and introduces children to the world around them as well as new concepts.