

Golding Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome back — we hope you had a lovely break! This overview gives you a snapshot of what your child will be learning this term, along with key information and ways you can support at home.

Our Topic: Autumn and the Gothic

This term, we will be exploring the world around us — from our local environment to different places and cultures. Learning will focus on building communication, curiosity and independence through practical, engaging activities.

Enrichment opportunities

This half term, Year 9 students will enjoy a range of autumn-themed enrichment activities, including an English trip to a local graveyard, a visit to a pumpkin patch with pumpkin picking, decorating their classroom and an autumn-themed party to celebrate the end of the half term.

Supporting learning at home

If you're keen to support your child's learning at home, the best way to do this is to read to or with your child regularly. The children are welcome to borrow books from our library at any point in the year.

Should you wish to do some more with your child at home, please contact the class teacher.

What your child will be learning

English

This half term, students will study Gothic horror through Susan Hill's *The Woman in Black*, exploring suspense, setting, characterisation, pathetic fallacy and foreshadowing, culminating in a reading of the final chapter in a local ruined graveyard.

Students will also explore comic fantasy through Terry Pratchett's *Hogfather*, developing skills in exploring, analysing and inferring while examining humour, characterisation, fantasy and satire.

Maths

Golding class will be learning about place value and properties of numbers in the Autumn term. They will learn how to find factors and multiples, identify prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers and practice long multiplication and division.

Science

Our students are beginning their Key Stage 4 GCSE Science journey, covering foundational Biology, Chemistry and Physics units: Cell Biology, Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table, and Energy. Through structured visual resources, chunked tasks and practical activities, students will build their scientific knowledge and confidence as they begin their GCSE pathway.

PSHE

Protected characteristics, Equality Act, phobic and racist language. Legal consequences of bullying and hate crime, sexism, ageism, positive and negative language, banter, child on child abuse, bullying in the workplace. Direct and indirect discrimination, harassment, victimisation. Prejudice, discrimination and stereotyping

We're here to help

Your child's class teachers are: Adele and Molly

Your child's support staff are: Brogan, Jamie and Lettie

We're always happy to talk, please call the school if you want to arrange a time to meet or discuss anything