

# Gold Class Newsletter

Spring 1 2024



**Happy New Year!** I hope you had a good Christmas break and a have had a happy and healthy start to 2024. Welcome to the Spring term!

Thank you very much for your kind gifts, cards and Christmas wishes at the end of the Autumn Term.

## In class

We continue to work with Mrs Green for literacy and maths groups three times each week in Gold Class. Mrs Green and Mrs Blow will also continue to lead the class every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons to cover me when I am out of class.

This half term, we are pleased to be working with Miss Neil who is joining us on a teacher training placement. Mr Smith and Miss Williams will be working with us as normal throughout the week in Gold Class.

This term, we will start running **Booster Classes** for **reading**. These will start in week 2, from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Letters will be sent home within the next week if your child is invited to attend. Some children will also receive additional maths tutoring as part of the catch-up programme following the Covid-19 pandemic. Maths tutoring will take place during the school day.

## At home

**Maths** and **Literacy** home learning will continue to be set using the **CGP Books**. Home learning is set on a Thursday to be handed in the following Tuesday. Gold Class are really good at this which is a great learning habit to have developed!

**Reading records** are due in throughout the week with the expectation that your child has **read at least 5 times**. Please support your child in completing this reading requirement; reading really does unlock all other learning opportunities.

All children at Morden are expected to complete weekly practice on their **times tables** and should be spending **30 minutes** each week on **TTRS**.

*However, on average, one third of the class are not meeting this home learning expectation regularly and this is something that I would really like to see improved in the new year.*

Even if your child has learnt all their times table badges, they should still be practising their times tables regularly. Multiplication facts underpin all Year 6 maths learning; fluency and speed of recall of times tables make all maths lessons so much easier.

There is also a **home learning project** linked to our History Unit on **Ancient Greece**. Please see project overview sheet for more information.

## Congratulations

Well done to the following winners of the Autumn 2 Sustainability home learning project.

**Entertainment:** Scarlett

**Presentation:** Kyras

**Information:** Devonae

## Trips

We have two trips scheduled for Spring 1. Later this week (**12.1.2024**), we will be visiting **The British Museum** to launch our new history topic: Ancient Greece. Then in the last week of term (**9.2.2024**), we will be attending a wellbeing day at **AFC Wimbledon**, learning about the importance of physical and mental health.

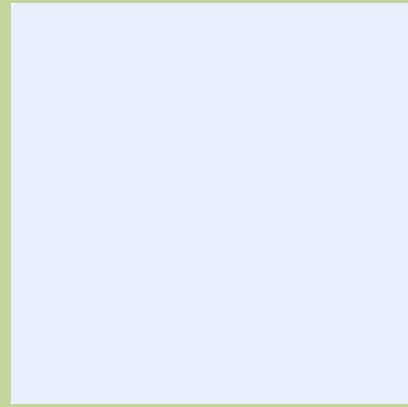
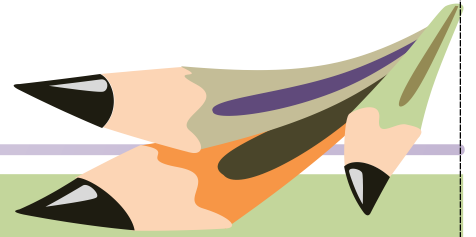
## Wider Curriculum

Please see the website for more information on our Wider Curriculum subjects for this half term.

**Thank you for your ongoing support.**

**Mrs Torreiro**





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