



# Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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Dear Families,

Welcome back after a very quick half term break and a busy first week. Attached to this letter is an overview of the topic planned for this half term - outlining what your child will be learning, to enable you to support them with homework and queries.

We will be learning about Plants this half term, which will involve planting seeds and bulbs and understanding the life cycle of plants. Our English work will be linked to the fiction text 'The Day the Crayons Quit' with the expectation that all children will write persuasive letters by the end of the term.

This term the children will continue with their swimming lessons at Waterside Pool in Ryde on Tuesday afternoons, finishing on 26th March. They will be accompanied by Mrs Johnson, Mrs Cade, Mrs Tilling, Mrs Kingsbury, Miss Lovett & Mr Gwilliam. Please ensure they bring an appropriate swimming costume, (P.E. shorts are not acceptable), and a large towel in a waterproof bag. Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed. The children may arrive back to school just after 3pm and will be dismissed from the usual door. Please ensure all of your child's clothing is named to avoid confusion when they are getting changed after swimming.

The feedback from the swimming lessons last half term has been extremely positive and all of the children have made amazing progress!

We are still timetabled to have P.E. on Monday afternoons in the hall if it is wet and outside if the weather permits. Children will need to wear their usual PE kit. If we are outside children may wish to wear sports trainers, tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt in addition to their usual indoor PE kit. (Tracksuits do not need to be in the school colours!) Please make sure full PE kits are named (including trainers) and always available in school and that your child has appropriate hair bands, ear-tape, etc, so they can participate in all sessions. Girls who wear tights to school need to have spare socks for PE lessons please.

Reading books need to come into school daily. Please continue to regularly listen to your child read, too. Spellings and times tables remain a focus for all children.

On 25<sup>th</sup> March, to round off our Plants topic, we would like to invite you to join your child in The Patch and Sensory Garden to plant out the seedlings that the children have been growing in the classroom.

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The family homework project is to create an interesting pot to grow cress in – your child will be taking some cress seeds home in the near future.

Please provide a water bottle for your child to use in the classroom. This needs to be named to avoid confusion and is expected to remain in school. Water is always available. Juice and fruit drinks are not permitted during lesson times.

If for any reason the planned arrangements for collecting your child change or if you are delayed at the end of the school day, please let Miss Rorich in the office know as soon as possible. If you are running late your child will be waiting in the area in front of the office.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact us on via the school office on 01983 292872 or email on the following addresses:

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Yours sincerely,

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and the rest of the Year 3 Team.