



Girton Glebe Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

It was lovely to finally welcome back all pupils and parents to Girton Glebe last week and see classrooms full of children, busy with their learning.

There is a real buzz around school with children engaging in their new topic work and it is so exciting to see classrooms in action once again.

This week you will have received a Curriculum Organiser for this term, outlining the work that your child will be completing in class. Additional copies of these documents are available for download at <https://girtonglebe.com/curriculum-organisers>

Thanks again to all parents and carers for your understanding and compliance with the measures that we have put in place to ensure that pupil groups can enter school grounds safely. We appreciate that this does cause some logistical issues but these measures are necessary for ensuring the safety of our pupils and staff.

NHS Test and Trace

On Wednesday, you will have received information via ParentMail on how to engage with the NHS Test & Trace process.

The letter outlined the procedures the school will follow if there is either a suspected or confirmed case of Coronavirus at Girton Glebe and details of what you can do as parents to engage with the testing process.

If you have not yet read this information, I encourage you to do so at the earliest opportunity.

Another copy of this letter can be found on the Covid-19 section of our website, alongside our risk assessment and full reopening plan.

The Covid-19 section is found via a tab on the school's homepage <https://girtonglebe.com>

EYFS Transition

This week our new Foundation Stage pupils visited Girton Glebe for the first time and spent half days with Ms Cansdale and the EYFS team.

It was lovely to see so many smiling, eager faces in Ash class and we are very exciting about next week when both groups will come together at lunchtime.

From September 21, our Foundation Stage pupils will be in full-time.

Oak Class

A note from Mr Austin on the return of Oak Class:

I have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the children in Oak Class back after their lengthy time away. They have come back into the classroom with enthusiasm and a strong desire to learn. They are also setting a fine example to the rest of the school with their rigorous adherence to the safety procedures that we have in place during 'the new normal'.

We have started the academic year by diving into our class read ('War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo) and by reminding ourselves of some of the key mathematical calculations and methods. The children have also immersed themselves excitedly into their first piece of homework, researching the histories of family members' (or friends') ancestors in World War One.

I have also been promised sight of some fascinating family artefacts as part of this project!

Willow Class

A note from Miss Jolly on the return of Willow Class:

In Willow, we have been writing some very entertaining character descriptions of ourselves in English, revising place value and our times tables in Maths, beginning to dive into our class novel War Horse and our WW1 topic: The Great War.

So far, we have completed some European geography and a history lesson on the meaning of empire. We have also

created some fantastic pieces of artwork, based on Romero Britto's pop-art style, to represent our identities and celebrate our differences.

Since returning to school, I have been so proud to see all of Willow Class settling into new routines so quickly and so well. Everyone has come to school ready to learn and I have thoroughly enjoyed our first week and a half back at school!

Cherry Class

A Cherry Class update from Miss Pyle:

Cherry Class have had a great start to the year! It has been wonderful to see them settle back into school life so quickly and confidently.

This week, we started our topic 'Road Trip USA'. With their board passes in hand, they took a flight to New York City and enjoyed discovering the famous landmarks and buildings in this bustling city. There was no time to stop for peanut butter and jelly sandwiches though as they had to visit all of the zoos, because, to quote Iris, "Who doesn't love a good zoo?"!

Across all subjects, they have shown fantastic enthusiasm and a desire to learn, whilst showing great responsibility and kindness to others. Well done, all!

Lime Class

Lime Class news courtesy of Mrs Knowler and Ms Barber:

Lime class children have made a great start to their new school year and our topic of Rocks, Relics and Rumbles along with Ammonites, which looks like being an exciting one.

We have got used to the new routines of handwashing and sanitising often and having assemblies via the Smartboard, eating lunch in the classroom and having separate playtimes to other year groups but the most important thing is that learning goes on.

We have started to use Seesaw, our digital information sharing platform in a small way and it will become increasingly useful over time. Our classroom is nice and breezy and, so far, the weather has been kind to us. Not needing to change on PE days means we get extra time to be active, which is a real benefit! Having a classroom door to the outside means that we have been able to get out and do lots of outdoor maths and watch our resident squirrel population store their nuts!

Birch Class

Birch Class news from Miss Evans:

This week, Birch class have started a new topic called 'Land Ahoy!'. They will be learning all about pirates, the different oceans, ways to travel across water and much more.

As part of their learning, Birch had the chance to make some sketches of some life jackets and helmets, paddles and even a 4m long inflatable kayak!



The children developed their observational skills and their ability to create different shades of light and dark with pencils. Well done, Year 2!

Maple Class

A Maple update courtesy of Mrs Cawley and Mrs Daw:

We were so happy to see all of the children back. They were very excited about their new classroom and learning environment and keen on exploring each learning station.

We aimed for a calm, engaging and fun few days at the start of the term. We were very impressed with the behaviour of all the children in the classroom and their respect for each other both during carpet time and when sharing the equipment in the class.

As a part of their curriculum, we had some fun PE lessons using the field and practiced our daily mile. We practised our Phonics and handwriting and worked on number formation. We read The Colourful Monster book to start talking about how we feel. The children have different jars that symbolise different emotions. They use these jars to express their feelings each day and share them with the class.

This week in Science, the focus was autumn. The children collected leaves and drew them on a piece of paper, whilst looking for the signs of autumn.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Spencer

Headteacher