

# Marigold Class Spring term 2026

We hope that you have had an enjoyable festive season and look forward to welcoming you back into Marigold Class. We have a busy but exciting term ahead of us. This newsletter should cover any questions you may have, however, if you have any further questions then please feel free to e-mail or speak to myself, or a member of the year 4/5 team. We are always happy to help.

## Our learning this term

In Marigold Class this term, we have an exciting line-up of learning ahead! In History, we'll be diving into the fascinating world of the Shang Dynasty and exploring the wonders of China, from natural materials to economic activity. In English, we'll get stuck into the inspiring book 'Great Women Who Changed the World' and enjoy the imaginative poems in 'Dark Sky Park'.

In PSHE, we'll be discovering what healthy relationships look like and exploring feelings and emotions in a supportive and engaging way. In DT, we'll be getting hands-on with mechanical structures—and we're thrilled to invite parents and carers to join us for a special session to support the children with their creations! (Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 9-10am)



## Home Learning

Our home learning will be split into 2 categories: weekly essentials and enrichment ideas.

### Weekly Essentials:

**Reading:** Please continue to support your child's home reading. We ask that they read for a minimum of 3 times a week which should be logged in your reading diaries.

**Spelling challenge:** Spellings should be practised on Spelling Shed. These will be tested on a Friday.

### Enrichment Ideas:

Please choose some of these activities over the whole of the term to show creativity with your home learning.

## General Reminders

- **PE:** Our main PE lessons will be on Monday - We try to do as many lessons outside as possible so it is important that the children have **both inside and outside PE kits** including suitable footwear and warm clothing. Please ensure that children with long hair have it tied back and earrings are removed. We would suggest you leave their kit at school so it is always available.
- **Uniform:** Can you please make sure uniform & PE kits are clearly labelled to avoid confusion when children misplace some of their belongings.
- **Coats:** As the weather is changeable and we like to use our outdoor learning environment, please ensure that your child has a suitable coat with them regardless of the weather conditions.
- **Water bottles:** The children should bring in a water bottle from home with a sports style cap, which they can access throughout the day. They will be encouraged to change their water regularly and take them home each evening to be washed. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.
- **Rucksacks:** Your child should only need to bring their packed lunch, a water bottle and their reading book if they wish to change it. PE kits can be stored at school throughout the term. As children should not be bringing non-essential items in from home, rucksacks should not be brought into school, especially as there is limited storage space in the classroom.

**Look out for...**

RSPB Big School Birdwatch (Jan)  
Martin Luther King Jr Day (Jan 19th)  
Energy Saving Week (Jan 19th)  
LGBT+ Awareness Month (Feb)  
Children's Mental Health Week (Feb 9th)  
Safer Internet Day (Feb 10th)  
Chinese New Year (Feb 17th)  
Random Acts of Kindness (Feb 17th)  
Ramadan (Feb 17th)  
Shrove Tuesday (Feb 17th)  
Lent (Feb 18th)  
Holi Festival (Mar 4th)  
World Book Day (Mar 5th)  
International Women's Day (Mar 8th - celebrate 9th)  
Science Week (Mar 9th)  
Mother's Day (Mar 15th)  
Comic Relief (Mar 20th)  
Eid-Al-Fitr (Mar 19th)  
International Anti-Racism Day (Mar 21st)

**Hook Day- China and The Shang Dynasty**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**School uniform as usual please**

Thank you for reading  
Miss Purshouse and Miss Perrin