

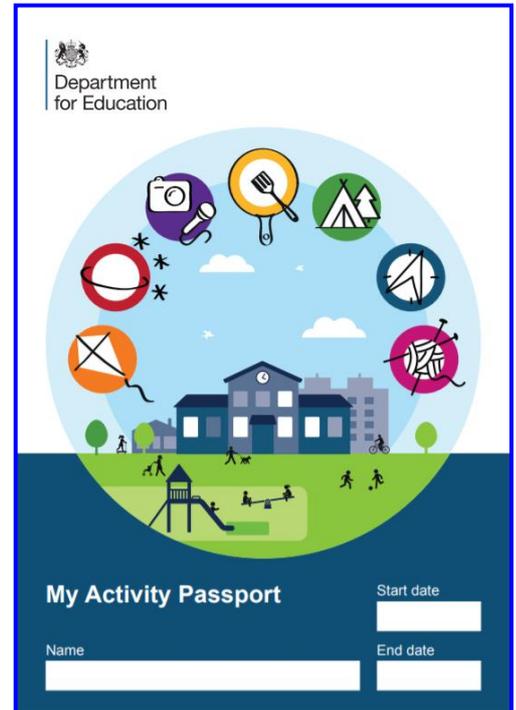


3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

On Monday this week I started assembly with a huge notice on the screen saying **'Golden Time is Going!'** this prompted a lot of discussion as the children walked into the hall, I spotted quite a bit of disgruntled muttering and faces changing from smiles to puzzled expressions as children sat down with their classes. Golden time is clearly very popular! Of course I did this on purpose to prompt this reaction as we are indeed making some changes to golden time, but these changes, we believe, are for the better. As a senior leadership team and staff we've been discussing the value and purpose of golden time and we have decided we want to use this time to enrich the curriculum we already offer in school. We recognise the importance of children all playing together as a school but as they often get chance to do this at lunchtimes now it's time for a change. We've been looking at a new DfE initiative known as **'My Activity Passport'** which outlines a list of 20 things for children to achieve in their year group. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/my-activity-passport>

There is a list of twenty activities for children from reception to Y6 and they cover a wide range of creative and exciting experiences we'd love our children to have but don't necessarily fit into our taught curriculum or topics at school. The list includes things such as; go bird watching, perform a dance, skim stones, learn to sew on a button, have a ride on a train, use an OS map and many, many more! Please talk to your children about our new plan, which may have already been discussed in class, it is as follows:



- Golden time will disappear after May half term and will be replaced with enrichment time.
- Enrichment time will not be linked to the behaviour policy, we have enough positive rewards and consequences in school, so losing enrichment time will not be used as a consequence for behaviour
- Children in each class will have a discussion with their teacher and decide which items on the list they want to try and achieve and will plan time for these. The children may have other ideas so if all children and staff agree they can add their own ideas to the list.
- Enrichment time will take place in their normal class every Friday afternoon for 45 minutes at the end of the day BUT if children have chosen an activity that will take a longer period of time they can 'bank' golden time and save up to have a longer session or even full day!
- We will allow each class some money to pay for resources for enrichment but we're also positively encouraging classes to take part in fundraising to top up their money! I'm sure the PTA could help us too.
- We can't do all of the activities in school so we will also be encouraging children to have a go at home too, why not look at the list for your child's year group and tick some off at home?

The Junior Leadership Team will be meeting soon to discuss the plans in more detail and to also provide feedback from their class about what is working well and if there's anything we want to change so please have a chat with your children about it.

Have a great bank holiday weekend!

Miss Hill