



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith



Spring Term: Friday 1st March 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful week, and are looking forward to the weekend ahead. We have had much warmer weather this week, and hopefully this will continue throughout the term ahead. It seems strange that this time last year we were closed for the snow day.

Thank you to all those parents who attended parents evening – I am sure that you gained a useful insight into the progress that your child has made so far this academic year. If you missed your appointment, or you did not manage to attend parents evening, please make sure you email the classroom teacher to rearrange an alternative appointment. It is important that you do discuss your child's progress with the classroom teacher so that you are aware about any support you can provide outside of the classroom.

Parent Workshops:

Our parent workshops will take place on Thursday 14th March for Year One and Year 2.

The English workshop will begin at 09:00 am and will cover:

- *Grammar*
- *Reading and comprehension at home*
- *Spelling*

The Mathematics workshop will begin at 10:30 am and will cover:

- *The four operations*
- *Number bonds*
- *Resources that can be used at home*
- *Mathematical Vocabulary*

You do not need to book a place on these workshops, please just turn up on the day. You can stay for one or both of the workshop, and these will take place in the Science Room.

World Book Day:

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. As you know, our theme is Heroes and Villains. Miss Philippa did send an a letter about World Book Day before half term which will give you an overview of the activities on the day! We look forward to seeing all the children dressed up!

Hatching Dragons:

As some parents with children in the Hatching Dragons nursery will be aware, it is unfortunately closing down at Easter due to the low pupil numbers. We will very much miss having the Nursery onsite, and wish all the staff the best of luck with their future endeavours.

As the classroom spaces are now available, and if you do know a company, group or a business that may be interested in renting the rooms for a fixed period, please do contact Miss Karen in the school office who will be able to give you more information around this. We have up to three rooms available to rent:

- Unit 1- 64.2m²/691 sqm
- Unit 2 - 65.6m²/706 sqm
- Unit 3 – 65m²/700 sqm

House Points: This house point treat will be an 'Easter Festive Treat!'

House	Points
Parks	805
Gandhi	801
Pankhurst	903
Shackleton	840

Attendance:

In line with DFE guidance, that the school does not authorise any holiday. Thank you. All holiday is coded as an unauthorised absence on the school's register.

Year Group	Target (97%)
Reception	96.6%
Year 1	97.2%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	97.5%
Whole School	97%

Key Dates:

Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 7 th March @ 6:00pm	Y3 Parents Residential Meeting
Friday 8 th March from 08:30 am	Y1, 2 and 3 Parent Drop off
Week Commencing 11 th March	Science Week
Wednesday 13 th March	School Hub to visit GEMS Didcot
Week Commencing 18 th March	Waste Week

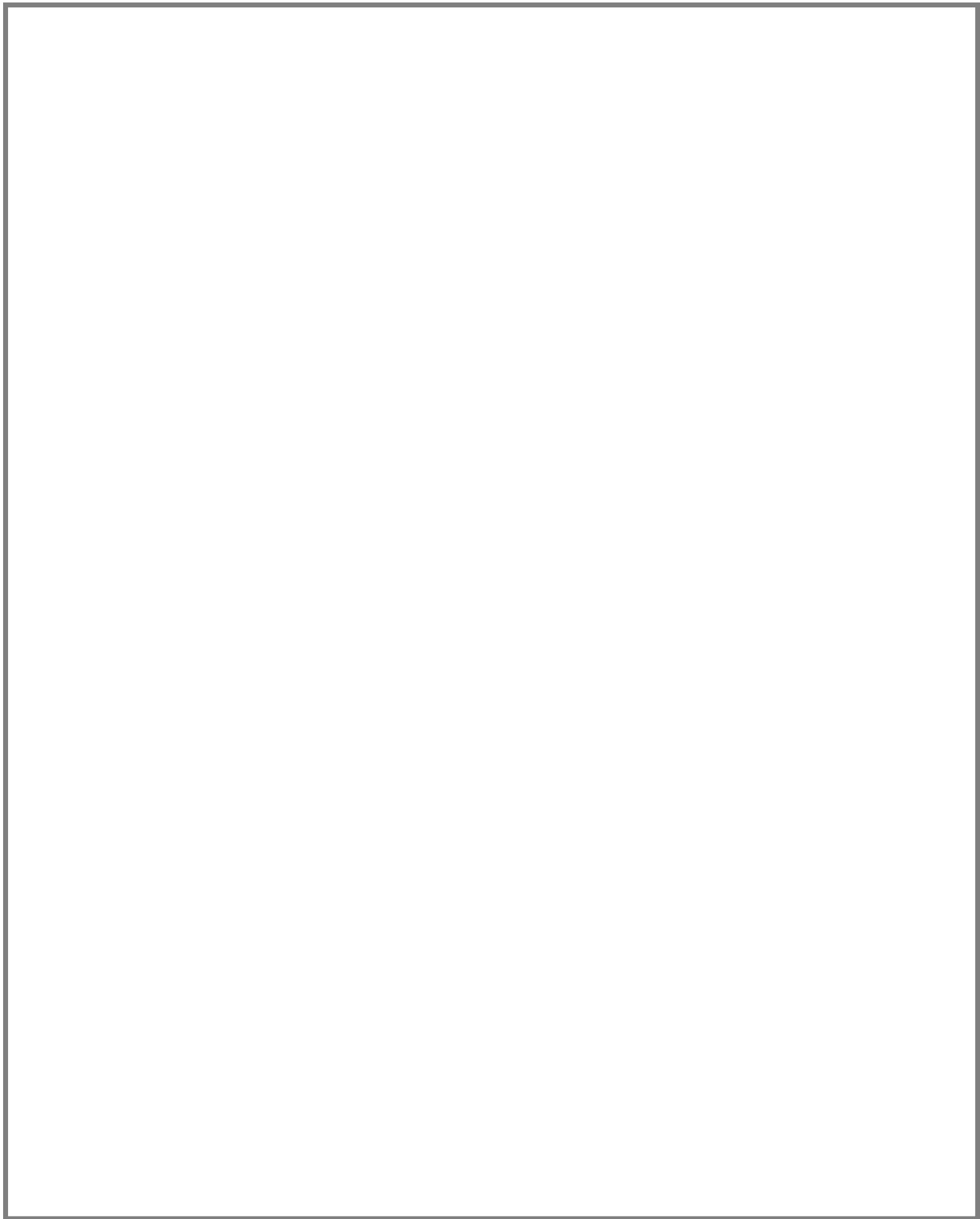
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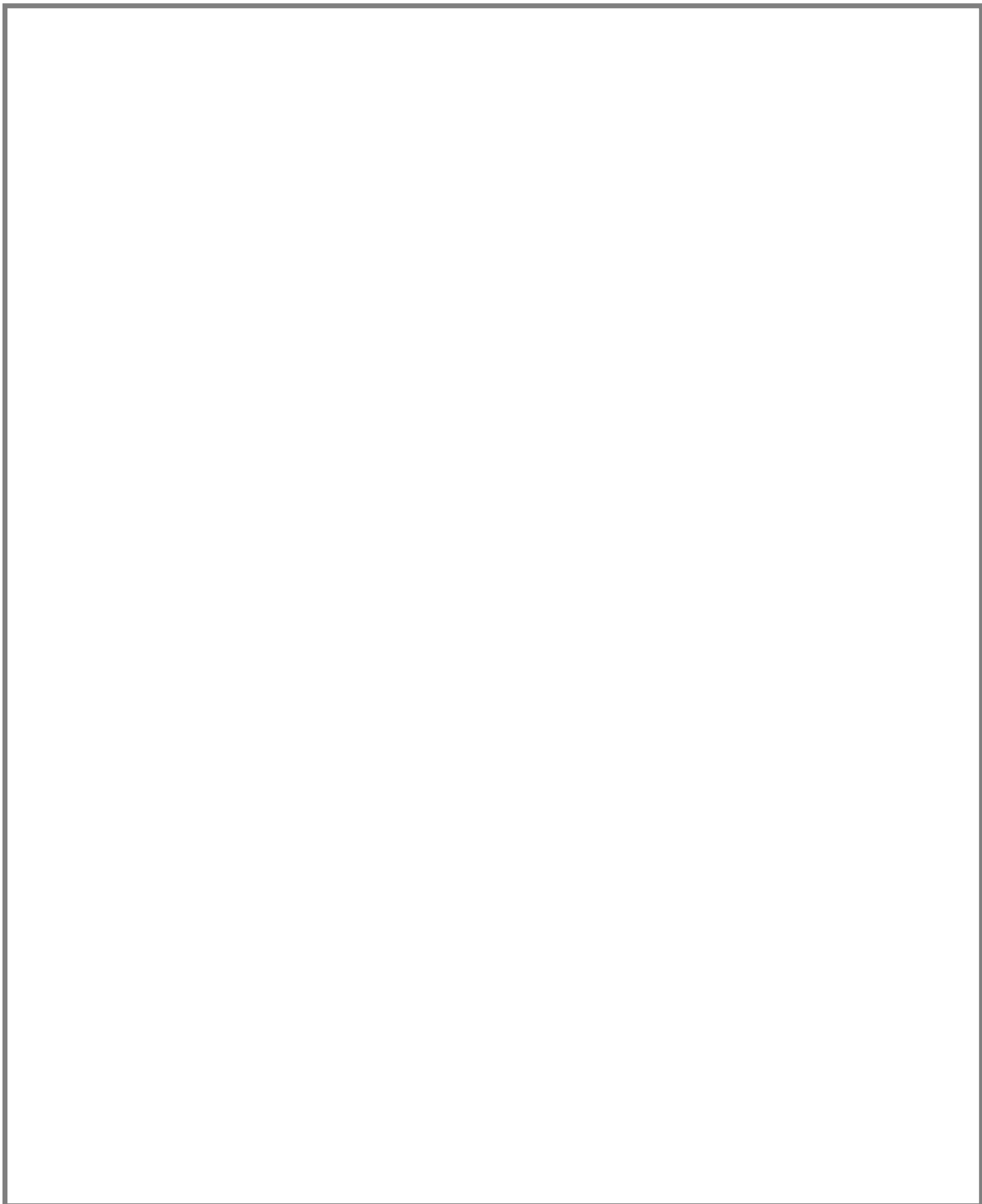
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Principal's Question: For a house point on Monday after half term, please answer the question ' I'm full of keys but I can't open any door. What am I?' Please hand your answers to your classroom teacher

Have a lovely weekend,









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