

Gainsborough Primary School Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers of children in
Year 5

Happy New Year!

The children made amazing progress over the Autumn term so we are excited to continue with a positive attitude towards learning in Spring term.

If there is anything we can do to help throughout the term, please do not hesitate to ask!

Adults Working in Year

Eagles - Ms Hay, Ms Lewis, Ms Hoggarth

Starlings - Ms Muganga, Ms Lubrin

Our Campaign this half term is

Year 5's campaign this half term is 'Keep Giving'
With the focus of deciding 'Who should keep the artefacts in the British Museum?'



Gainsborough Keeps

Excellence in learning. Always striving.
Our new campaign curriculum centres around the values we want our children to hold when they leave Gainsborough:

Keep Giving
Keep Kind
Keep Green
Keep Healthy
Keep Connected
Keep Safe



Reading

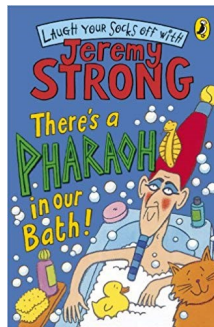
- They will focusing on Non-Fiction texts, practicing the skill of retrieving information from the text and justifying their responses.
- To support your child at home please read with them for at least 15mins daily, asking them questions about the text they have read and encouraging them to make prediction about the text.
- In Accelerated reader we are aiming that children read a book every week.
- As a reminder our class reader is Michael Morpurgo.

Writing

Our writing units this half term are based around the story 'The Egyptian Cinderella' and 'There's a Pharaoh in my Bath.' . The children will be writing a character description, narrative and a debate on who should keep artefacts linking it to their topic.

The SPAG objectives we will be focusing on in our writing this half term are:

- Using figurative language to describe.
- Using a range of cohesive conjunctions to join sentences.
- Using a relative clauses beginning with 5Ws



Punctuality

It is really important to get to school on time at **8:45am**. In soft start we learn spellings and if pupils arrive after 9am then they will not be able to do the spelling test each week as well as other children.

Learning Logs, Homework and Reminders

- Homework is handed out each week on a Friday and must be returned to school by **Tuesday**. Children will be given writing and maths homework.
- Reading books will be changed on **Wednesday**. Please encourage your child to read each day and return their books.
- Please encourage your child to read on **BugClub** and complete the questions about the book.
- Please ensure your child is in school daily to meet the government's target of **97%** attendance.

Spanish, Music and PE

- **Spanish**—In Spanish this term, we will be learning how to order different types of food.
- **Music**—In Music this term we will be learning a song about Tutankahmun, reading music and play the glockenspiel
- **PE**— In PE are this term they will be learning how to play basket ball, netball and football.
Year 5 have PE on **Friday**.
Please make sure your child's PE kit is in on these days and in a drawstring bag, if possible, for easy storage.

Key Dates

Trips

Starlings -Thursday 23rd January 2020– Here East.

Eagles -Thursday 12th March 2020 _Kings College London

Eagles and Starlings-Friday 24th January 2020— British Museum

Assembly

Wednesday 16th January-Reading Rangers

Parents in Class

Friday 14th February

Curriculum

For the science part of our curriculum we will be learning about Earth and Space. In our topic lesson we will be learning about Ancient Egypt.



Maths

We will continue to follow the Primary Advantage Maths scheme.

In maths this half term we are covering:

- Place value and rounding
- Addition and subtraction with decimals
- Long multiplication and partitioning
- Converting between fractions, decimals and percentages

Please continue to support your child's learning at home by practising their mental addition and subtraction skills, timetables, telling time and completing their homework each week to practise the skill they have learned that week.

ICT

We will be using B Blogger to create a blog so we can understand what they are used for but also how to be safe when posting.

