

## 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, spellings and maths homework from their CGP books. Reading books will be changed when needed. Please encourage your child to read each day and to note important information in their learning log.

## Music and PE

In music, our Class song is Rather Be. This will be connected to Body percussion and performance.

In PE, we will be learning how to play Handball and Tag-Rugby.

### Spellings

- Accommodate
- Accompany
- According
- Achieve
- Aggressive
- Amateur
- Ancient
- Apparent
- Appreciate
- Attached
- Available
- Average
- Awkward
- Bargain
- Bruise
- Category

### Spellings

- Cemetery
- Committee
- Communicate
- Community
- Competition
- Conscience
- Conscious
- Correspond
- Criticise
- Curiosity
- Definite
- Desperate
- Determined
- Develop
- Dictionary
- Disastrous

## Key Dates

### Assembly:

**Hummingbirds:** Wednesday 5th February

**Nightingales:** Wednesday 12th February.

### Ben Kinsella Trip:

**Hummingbirds:** 17th January

**Nightingales:** 7th February

### Parents in class

Friday 13th February

# Gainsborough Primary School Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers of children in  
Year 6

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

**Hummingbirds-** Ms Mohamed, Ms Chatzi, Ms Robb

**Starlings -** Ms McMurrie, Mr Roper, Ms Bilgetay

## Our Campaign this half term is

Keep Safe!

We will be learning how to stay safe online and informing others about what we have learnt in a new and engaging way. We will be finding new and exciting ways to teach other children and inform parents and carers in our assemblies and workshops.



## **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

- Our class reader is The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, which links directly to our writing lessons.
- We will be reading regularly in class.
- We will be reading in pairs so we can support and learn from one another.
- We will also be reading independently to build up our fluency.
- We are looking at different questions types in reading.
- To support your child at home by encouraging them to read daily and if possible, to read to a member of the family who will engage in a dialogue about what has just been read to them.
- Questioning your child's understanding of the text and vocabulary they have just read, will allow them to develop their comprehension and summarising skills. Both of which are key factors in gaining good SATs results.
- In Accelerated reader we are aiming that children read book carefully and confidently, answering the questions correctly, rather than rushing through and not scoring as highly as we know they could. It's about quality rather than quantity.

### Maths

In maths this half term we are covering:

- Geometry: looking at the properties of different triangles, measuring and drawing angles accurately with protractors, finding the missing angles on a line and within a triangle.
- Fractions: recapping and consolidating fractions, finding a percentage of an amount, converting between fractions, decimals and percentages.
- Measure: measure and weight, converting between mm, cm, m, km.

### ICT

ICT this half term links directly with our Campaign, so we will not only be teaching HTML lessons where we will be designing and making our own webpages, but we will be discussing the importance of staying safe online.

### Curriculum

- In Science we will be learning about adaptation, evolution and inheritance. We will be learning about how species develop to their surroundings, how selective breeding works and what the differences between fraternal and identical twins are.
- In Topic we will be starting our lessons on the Maya civilisation. We will be learning about their lifestyles, religion, education, clothing, rituals and how, despite their unusual disappearance, they influenced the world we live in today.

### Writing

This half term, we will be looking at writing our own manifestos as if we are applying for the position of the Mayor of London. We will be looking at persuasive language, modal verbs and author's voice.

We will then be writing about our class text 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. We will be writing in role as Lucy as she enters the wonderful world of Narnia and developing our literary skills through descriptive and comparative writing.

In order to support you child/children with their writing, please help them with their yr 5/6 spellings as these are a big focus this half term. If you are unsure of what these are, please see overleaf. These spellings are in addition to the weekly spellings homework.

### Punctuality

It is really important to get to school on time. 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.