

### Learning Logs, Homework and Reminders

- Learning logs can be filled in by the parents or the children weekly. Or more regularly if you have the time!
- In regards to parents, this could include a comment. This is particularly helpful to the teachers.
- In regards to the children, this could be a summary or a score out of 5 to express how they feel about the book.
- New homework will be distributed on Fridays.
- Please make sure homework is returned by Tuesday so it can be marked.
- Please make sure that reading books are returned every week with their learning log comments so they can be changed on a regular basis. There is a clear correlation between reading at home and the progress the children make.

### Spanish, Music and PE

- In Spanish the children will be learning the days of the week and the months of the year. They will then use this information to talk about birthdays and to write the date.
- In music, in line with our topic, they will learn 'London's Burning'. They will also learn how to do this in a round. Come to our assembly to see this being perfectly executed! They will also be working on rhymes and rhythms and reading musical notation.
- In PE, they will be participating in team sports such as tag rugby and netball.

### Enrichment

We are very excited to be receiving a visit from a drama company who will be bringing to life what it was like to live during the time of the Great Fire of London. We are hoping this will inspire the children to immerse themselves and be creative in their writing.

## Gainsborough Primary School Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers of children in  
Year 2

Happy New Year!

The children made amazing progress over the Autumn term so we are excited to continue this throughout the beautiful season of Spring. If there is anything we can do to help throughout the term, please do not hesitate to ask!

Adults Working in Year 2  
Miss Vanderkar, Miss Arooba

### Our Campaign this half term is



Keep Safe!

We will be learning how to stay safe in the event of a fire and informing others about what we have learnt in a new and engaging way.

### **Gainsborough Keeps**

*Excellence in learning. Always striving.*

Our 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**

### 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.

### Reading

- Our class reader is The Great Fire of London by Liz Gogerly
- We will ensure that we know our phonics so we can become fluent readers. If you have any questions about helping your child with their phonics, do not hesitate to ask.
- In class, 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 and speed.
- We are looking at different questions types in reading.
- This will include summarising what the children have read.
- To help your child, ask them to tell you what they have read to ensure that they have understood.

### Maths

In maths this half term we are covering

- Place value. We will be identifying missing numbers on a number line and partitioning numbers in multiple ways. E.g.  $42 = 40 + 2$  and  $42 = 20 + 22$
- We will be using our knowledge on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division (!) to answer word problems.
- Finally, we will be looking at time and working out how much time has passed between events. E.g. If got on a bus at 12 o'clock and it will take 45 minutes, what time will I arrive?

### Curriculum

- Thank you so much to all of you who produced such beautiful and engaging homework! This will really support the children in their learning.
- We are very excited to cover the Great Fire of London and all the events that took place leading up to the fire!
- We will also be comparing London in 1666 to London in 2019. This will include the different fire equipment and the materials used in buildings.
- We are going to build houses out of cardboard boxes so please bring any spare boxes you have at home. This could include cereal boxes or shoe boxes.

### Writing

- In writing we will be taking inspiration from Anansi, the storyteller. We will learn a story and then we will innovate the story to make it our own! This will include changing characters and the settings.
- The new setting will be London so please talk to your children about the famous landmarks in the city to help their writing.
- We will also be empathetic writers as we will be inspired by our topic work to write a diary entry to describe the events and feelings, imagining that we are living in the time of the Great Fire of London.
- Our focus this term will be on extending our sentences using conjunction words like but, so because, when.

### ICT

- We will be using Espresso Coding to learn how to programme objects to move around in various directions and disappear!