



## Gainsborough Primary School Swans Newsletter

Dear Nursery Parents/ Carers,

**Happy New Year and Welcome back to the Spring Term!!!** We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break. We have a very busy term planned for you, with lots of exciting activities & experiences that promote great opportunities for learning, development and fun.

We have some new starters joining us, too. Welcome to Swans!

### A Taste of the World

Our topic this half term is "A Taste of the World & Different Countries".

We will be learning about the range of countries represented by the children and staff within the nursery. We will explore foods from around the world, traditions, songs, growing our own vegetables, tasting and cooking lots of delicious dishes.



### Role Play

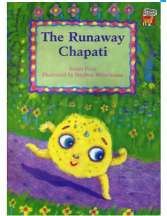
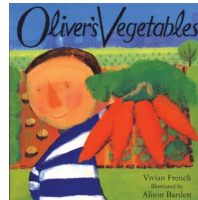
We have lots of opportunities in nursery for role plays this half term; including an African Jungle, A world Food Grocery shop, We, and the children, would love it if you could help us make these areas even better by donating any resources which you don't use anymore.

For example, food boxes, empty cans, milk containers, old cans of food, packets of dry pasta/ noodles, chopsticks, cultural crockery etc. Also if you have any unwanted traditional materials or clothes they would be gratefully received.

### Literacy

This term we are continuing Pie Corbett's Talk for Writing story mapping in our carpet sessions. We will be reading the following stories in class:

- Handa's Surprise (Africa)
- Runaway Chapatti (India)
- Dumpling Soup (Caribbean)
- Oliver's Vegetable's (UK)



Please support the topic at home by reading books that focus on food and cultures from around the world

### Phonics

This term we will begin learning our letters and sounds. For the next 5 weeks we will focus on:

**m, a, s, d, t**

### Spanish, Art, Music & PE

**Spanish with Ms Fossy will be held on Monday.** Children will be learning numbers and colours and some basic phrases. Muy bien!

**Art with Ms Castellvi will be held on Tuesday.** Sessions will incorporate this term's topic and activities will range from using fruit to print, exploring textures and colours through art.

**Music with Mr Holley will be held on Thursday.**

Sessions will include learning songs from around the world and those that represent the children's backgrounds.

**PE with the BADU coaches will take place on Thursday.**

The children will be learning to use their bodies in a variety of ways, all promoting the development of health & well being. Please bring children in suitable clothing on the day.

## Maths

This half term our objectives are

- learning to recite and count in cardinal order from 1-10
- Use number names and language
- Explore quantities- comparing groups, same, more, less
- Select amounts of objects from a group

Please practise this at home with your child or out and about in the park!

Encourage reading numbers on buses, cars, door numbers etc

Ask your child to give you an amount when out shopping. "can you give 4 apples?"



## Mark Making

This half term our mark making objectives are:

- Learning to independently make controlled marks
- Use a three fingered 'tripod grasp'
- Use a variety of writing tools
- Use a variety of materials- paper, white boards, chalk boards

Support at home by building hand strength!

Playdough and squeeze toys help develop children's muscles. Drawing patterns helps control. Try doing zebra stripes and scaly fish!



## Notices

As its rather cold, please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves.

Please bring a set of spare clothes for your child. Ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.

New starters—A polite reminder to bring back your All About Me sheets!



## Family Fridays

We actively support sharing the children's first learning experiences with you. We have Family Fridays sessions held every other week from 8:45 —9:30am, where you can join in an activity with your child. For our first session is on **Friday 10th January from 9-9.30 am.** We do hope that you will come along!

## Trips

Swans will now have a fortnightly trip to Forest school. From 1-3pm. Children need to wear warm, waterproof clothing & boots.

**Children will be provided with a waterproof all-in-one suit.** Children can bring their own boots along. **If you would like to come along to the sessions do please inform a member of the Nursery team**



**Thank you for your continued support.  
We look forward to an exciting term.**

## Staff In Nursery

**Nursery teacher:**  
Ms Hoilett

**Nursery officers and support:**  
Ms Tajero  
Ms Edwards  
Ms Ahmed  
Miss Jasmin Harris

**Assistant Headteacher:**  
Ms Begum