

Homework and Reminders

Home work will be given every Friday and returned back on Tuesday.

PE and Spanish



PE

PE is on Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure your child has a PE kit on these days. We advise you to keep their PE kit at school and take it home on Fridays.

Spanish

The children will be learning Spanish every Tuesday.



Key Workers

Your child will be assigned a key worker. The key worker approach is an effective way of enabling children to develop a strong relationship with a significant adult in the setting. It also enables each child to feel secure and cared for, helping them to become familiar with the Reception environment and develop confidence and a feeling of security within it.

Family Fridays

Family Friday Sessions will start after the half term. This will be a chance to see what your child is learning in Reception. Later in the term, it will also be an opportunity to see your child's learning journey. A timetable of events will be shared later this half term.

Learning Journeys

This term we will be sharing details of your child's development and learning through a learning journal. The journal will include experts of work, photos and comments about their progress in Reception.

Forest School

Forest Schools is a fantastic opportunity to learn outdoors.

Our first session will start soon.

Forest School will take place every Friday morning 9.45 am 10.50 am. We will need some parent volunteers to support us during Forest schools. If you can help us please speak to a member of staff. More information will be provided before we start the sessions.



Gainsborough Primary School Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Skylarks class!

A new year has arrived and we are looking forward to supporting your child's development in Reception this year. We are pleased to welcome our new children and families to Gainsborough and are delighted that the whole class have already settled in so well! We have prepared lots of exciting topics and experiences for your children to explore this term.

Staff

Class Teacher: Mrs Maljee
Nursery Officer: Mrs Ukwunnah
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Lombardi
Teaching Assistant: Ms Aden

Punctuality

It is really important to get to school on time. We open our doors at 8.45 for soft start. In soft start we learn spellings and read books. We close the doors at 9am. Anyone arriving after 9am will need to go to the main office to be registered.

The EYFS Curriculum

There are 7 areas of the EYFS curriculum. Our focus in the Nursery is on the

Prime Areas

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

We will also provide opportunities in the environment for children to investigate and explore the **Specific Areas**

- Literacy (mark making)
- Maths
- Understanding the world
- Expressive Arts and Design

Our indoor and outdoor continuous provision covers all of the 7 areas so that children can develop skills in each area.

Reading

There will be lots of reading opportunities in the Reception class. Children will be read with 1:1 as well as in groups.

We will begin teaching reading through Read Write Inc. phonics (RWI) from Monday 17th September. Children will learn a new sound each day, starting with the letters of the alphabet in order of the most common letters first (m a s d t ...)

The best support you can provide is to read daily with your child. Our homework will also link to RWI phonics.

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

Maths

This half term, children will be developing their understanding of number through concrete and pictorial representations (objects and drawings to support counting). Children will be introduced to abstract methods (written numbers) when they are confident to build on their understanding of number. We will be focusing on:

- Counting to 10 and beyond
- Representing numbers
- Ordering numbers

Supporting children at home will help their understanding. For example, counting toys, putting cups out, counting steps on the way home etc.

Children will also develop their understanding of shape, space and measure through different areas in the classroom. For example, capacity in the sand and water area, positional language through games and tidy up, time by sequencing their day in Reception.

Lunches

If you would like to know the weekly menu, please check the school website.

Snacks

All children will have access to a fruit or vegetable, and milk and water in class.

Literacy

We will be learning class stories through Pie Corbett's Talk for Writing scheme. This involves lots of role play and drama to create fantastic writing experiences!

Our 2 week cycle helps children to retain and use new vocabulary independently and in groups.

Children learn a story structure through story maps and begin 'innovating' new stories by changing elements of the familiar stories.

Books that are linked to our topic include:

Oskar
Not Now Bernard
Dr Dog
My Family
This Is My House
Owl Babies
A Squash and A Squeeze
Monkey Puzzle



Topic

All About Me & People Who Help Us

In the first two weeks we will share experiences about our family, friends, home and people who help us at school and in our community—Hackney Wick!

During our topic we would like to invite Parent volunteers to come in and talk to us about their jobs! Please speak to a member of the team if you are able to come in. We will be using ipads and role play experiences to learn more about how people help us.

To start our topic, please bring in a family photo from home or send one to admin@gainsborough.hackney.sch.uk with the title 'Reception photo'. We will use these for a class display!

