

Learning Logs & Homework Reminders:

Homework: is handed out each week on a Friday and must be returned to school by Tuesday. Children will be given spelling, Maths and a piece of literacy homework.

Learning Logs: Please remember to read daily with your child at home. Children should be summarising in their learning log after they have read each day. Books will be changed every week; if your child needs to change their book more frequently remind them to speak to their class teacher.

Punctuality

It is 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 oth-

Spanish, Music PE and Art

In Spanish the children will be learning how to describe the city.

In Music the children will be continuing to learn to play the ukulele and develop their performance skills.

In PE the children will be focusing on fitness and Athletics.

In Art the children are making more pieces of art using recycled materials for the PA Art Exhibition.

Key Dates:

World Book Day: Friday 6th March.

Trip to The Brunel Museum: Tuesday 10th March 9:00 am.

Fair Trade Sale: Friday 13th March 3:30 pm.

Year 4 Assembly: Wednesday 18th March 3:15pm.

Year 4 Times Tables Test parent workshop: Wednesday 18th March 3.30pm

PA Art exhibition: Wednesday 25th March

Last day of Spring 2: Thursday 2nd April 2pm

Parent's Evening: Thursday 2nd April 2—6.30pm

Gainsborough Primary School Class Newsletter Year 4 - Spring 2

Dear Parents and Carers of children in
Year 4

We hope you had a relaxing half term break. Year Four had an excellent half term's learning in Spring 1 and we are looking forward to starting new topics this half term.



Adults Working in Year 4

Owls - Miss Chowdhury, Miss King
Hawks – Mrs Ali, Mr Salad

Mr Mac is working across both classes

Our Campaign this half term is

How can we make sure everyone has clean water to drink?

Year Four are going to be learning about how water helps to keep us healthy and explore the reasons why some people do not have access to clean water and the impact this has on their lives. They will be planning their own fundraising event to raise money for the charity 'Water Aid'.

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 Connected

Connecting with the world around us. Sharing opinions and having our voice heard.

Reading

- We are looking at different question types in reading lessons. The children will be retrieving information from a variety of different Non-Fiction texts including newspaper reports and books linking to our topic.
- We are also focusing on building up stamina for reading by reading and summarising chapter books.
- To support your child at home please read with them everyday.
- This year children will take **Accelerated Reading** tests in school to test their understanding of what they have read.
- Children can also access **Bug Club**. The username will be the first 4 letters of their first name followed immediately by the first 4 letters of their surname.

Writing:

Our writing this half term will be linked to our topic work on **Inventions and Machines**. We will be reading extracts of **The Iron Man** and writing our own ending for the story. We will also be designing our own robots and writing explanation and persuasive speeches about them.



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

- Using a range of conjunctions to join and extend sentences.
- Using expanded noun phrases to add detail to our writing.
- Using a range of punctuation throughout our writing.

Curriculum

Our **Topic** this half term is **Inventions and Machines**. We will be looking closely at different modern inventions and how they have made our lives better, healthier or easier in different ways.

In addition to this we will also be learning about how inventors create new products and improve existing inventions. We will be creating our own amazing inventions too!



Maths

This year we will be following the Primary Advantage Maths scheme. This half term we will be learning:

Money: We will be finding different ways to make different amounts of money in £ and p, converting between £ and p and using rounding to help estimations with money. We will be continuing to practice the four operations using money as a context e.g. finding change problems.

Time: We will revise how to tell the time to the nearest minute, learn how to convert between the 12 and 24 hour clock and solve problems using time intervals.

Geometry: We will explore the different types of triangles and look at how to classify different shapes. We will also investigate symmetry and reflection.

Please support your child's learning at home by continuing to practice their times tables (2-12) and how to tell the time.

Rights Respecting Schools

We are a rights respecting school which means we place the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of our ethos and curriculum. This half term we are focusing on:

Article 14

You have the right to choose your own religion & beliefs.

Article 29

You have the right to be the best you can be. Your education should help you use and develop your talents.