



## Gainsborough Primary School Swans Newsletter

Dear Nursery Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to Spring 2 Term!!!  
We hope you have had a good 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 this term and we welcome you all.

### A Taste of the World

We continue our topic of a 'A Taste of the World & Different Countries'.

We will continue to learn about the range of countries represented by the children and staff within the nursery and the school community as a whole. We will explore foods and cultures from around the world, including learning about traditional songs and clothing. We will be sowing seeds in the nursery garden and hopefully tasting and cooking delicious dishes with some of our produce.



### Role Plays

We have lots of opportunities in nursery for role plays this half term; including a Green-grocers shop with an array of wonderful foods. Outdoor we will also have a garden centre. If you could help us make these areas more vibrant please donate any artefacts you no longer use.

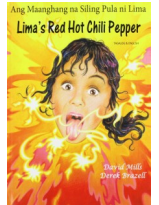
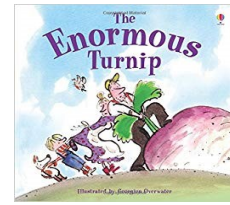
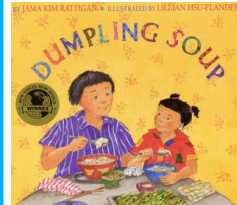
EG: small plant pots, garden hoses, unwanted seeds, metal cups, teapots etc. Also if you have any unwanted traditional materials, clothes, books they would be gratefully received.

**Thank you!**

### 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:

- The Enormous Turnip (UK)
- Lima's Red Hot Chilli (South America)
- Dumpling Soup (Caribbean)



Please support the topic at home by reading books that focus on food and cultures from around the world and do bring in a sample of fruit or vegetable that you would like to share with Swans class

### Phonics

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

**i, n, p, g, o**

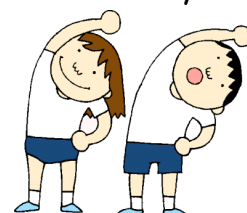
### Spanish, Art & PE

Spanish with Miss Fossey will be on **Mondays**. Children will be learning numbers and colours and some basic phrases. **Muy bien**

Art with Miss Castelli will be on **Tuesdays**.

PE will be on **Thursdays** with the **BADU coaches**

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

- To know that numbers identify how many objects are in a set
- Use number names and language
- Explore quantities- comparing groups, same, more, less
- To know that a group of things changes in quantity when something is added or taken away

Please practise the above at home with your child or when 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:

- Representing or writing our names
- Use of a three fingered 'tripod grasp'
- Use anti-clockwise movements and re-trace vertical lines
- Ascribing a meaning to marks that are seen in different places

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

Each child now has their own labelled tray. Staff will use these trays to place letters and pieces of work for home. Please store hats, gloves and book bags in the tray.

Please bring at least one set of spare clothes for your child. Ensure all clothing is clearly labelled. **We do not have spare clothing, therefore** you may be called in the event of your child needing clean clothing.

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 at 9-9:30am, where you can join in an activity with your child.

### Weekly Planning

For your reference we will now be posting details of our weekly Maths, Literacy and Continuous provision planning. The aim is to inform you of the weekly Learning Intentions and what activities and experiences we are providing for the children to support their learning.

### Forest School

This term we will continue to visit forest school fortnightly on Friday from 1-2:30pm. Your continued support during this time is essential. In order for the sessions to take place we will need volunteers. Do sign up if you are available to attend.

Children will be given protective clothing. Do send along their wellington boots if you have them.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**We look forward to an exciting term.**

### Staff In Nursery

**Nursery teacher:**  
Mrs Hoilett

**Nursery officers and support:**  
Ms Tajero  
Ms Edwards  
Ms Ahmed

**Assistant Headteacher:**  
Mrs Begum

