

PE

PE lessons this half term will focus on basketball, netball and football.

Class PE days:
Eagles : Monday
Starlings : Tuesday

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit on these days.

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 2 The convention applies to every child without discrimination.

Article 12 Every child has the right to be heard.

Reading Logs and Homework

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. Please remember to read daily with your child at home and encourage your child to summarise what they have read in their reading log (reading logs must be brought to school everyday). Books will be changed every week; if your child needs to change their book more frequently remind them to speak to their class teacher. **The username and password will be found on the inside cover of the homework book.**

Attendance and Punctuality

This year the children in Year 6 are aiming for 100% attendance. School is open to children from 8:45am. The children can come into class and complete an activity, ensuring that they are on time and ready for the start of lessons at 9am.

Key Dates

Starlings Class Assembly -
Wednesday 16th September 11.00 am via **ZOOM**
An invitation with log in details will be sent to Parents.

Eagles Class Assembly -
Wednesday 23th September 11.00 am via **ZOOM**
An invitation with log in details will be sent to Parents.

Gainsborough Primary School Year 6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers of children in
Year 6,

Welcome back to Gainsborough!
We hope you had a wonderful summer holiday.

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to this new school year and we are really looking forward to all our new learning opportunities.

Adults Working in Year 6

Eagles - Miss Mohamed,
Mr Macantsionnaigh, Mr Teji
Starlings- Miss Muganga ,
Mrs Lubrun, Mr Little

Intervention Teacher - Mrs Bilgetay
Assistant Headteacher - Miss Mohamed

Our Campaign

How can we deal with stressful situations?

Year Six will be developing the skill of 'Mindfulness'. This will allow them to explore the concept of self help and remaining calm on the run up to SATs.

They will learn simple exercises and techniques designed to refocus their thoughts and



Gainsborough Keeps

Excellence in learning. Always striving.

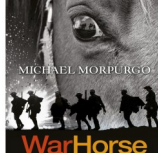
Keep Kind
Keep Green
Keep Healthy
Keep Connected
Keep Safe
Keep Giving



This half term we are focusing on Keep Healthy. The children will think about ways to increase our physical activity and using The Zones of Regulations to help self regulate and manage emotions.

Writing

Our writing units this half term are based around the story 'Warhorse' by Michael Morpurgo. The children will write a newspaper report recounting the Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. The children will engage in narrative writing and will write in role as a WWI soldier, looking at the physical and emotional journey young men were faced with during this time. They will be analysing war poetry, developing their understanding of the written form as well as deepening their knowledge of war itself.



Reading

- This half term we will be enjoying the story "War Horse" by Michael Morpurgo as our class reader.
- We will be practising our summarising skills by regularly completing summaries in our learning logs.
- To support your child at home please read with them everyday.
- The children will continue to take **Accelerated Reading** quizzes in school when they have finished a book to test their understanding of what they have read.
- Children can also access **Reading Plus** at home.
The username and password will be found on the inside cover of the homework book.
- Reading lessons will continue to focus on answering a range of question types, based on the book that they are reading.

<https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/login>

Science

The focus of our Science lessons this half term will be:

Animals Including Humans

We will investigate different types of animals, including humans. We will also learn about different parts of the human body and their functions in everyday life, particularly the role of the heart and lungs.



Maths

This year we will follow the White Rose Maths scheme. This half term we will be covering:

Place Value: We will learn to round numbers to a given degree of accuracy and learn how to use negative numbers in context.

Four Operations: We will carry out calculations involving all four operations. We will develop our knowledge of long multiplication and division.

Please support your child's learning at home by continuing to practice their times tables using **Times Table Rockstars** and complete tasks set on **Mathletics** using the following websites.

The username and password will be found on the inside cover of the homework book.

<https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student>

<https://login.mathletics.com/>

Topic

This half term we will be basing our learning around:

World War I

We will be exploring the causes of World War I. They will be looking at what caused the war, and understand the consequences of each action taken. They will be exploring the idea of 'What if...?' The children also will learn about the Christmas Day truce and what conditions were like in the trenches. They will look into the impact war has upon families across the world.

Art, Computing, Music and Spanish

Art: The children will create their own landscape paintings of the trenches

Computing: We will be exploring coding using Discovery Education Espresso

Music: The children will be exploring Pop/Motown music and will develop their improvisation and composition techniques.

Spanish: The focus for the half term will be 'Using Personal Pronouns'.