

## Homework and Reminders

Homework will be given every Friday and should be returned to school on the following Tuesday.

## PE

PE is on Wednesday. Please ensure your child is wearing a school PE kit when they come to school on this day.



## 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.

## Learning Journeys

This term we will be sharing details of your child's development and learning through a learning journal. The journal will include excerpts of work, photos and comments about their progress in Reception. It will be a celebration of all that they have achieved.

## Forest School

Forest Schools is a fantastic opportunity to learn outdoors.

**Our first session will start soon.**

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 Hummingbirds Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Hummingbirds 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 Daoud

Class Teacher: Miss Maljee

Teaching Assistants: Ms Gomes and Ms Skinner

## 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 have different activities to support children's development. We close the doors at 9am. Anyone arriving after 9am will need to go to the main office.

## The EYFS Curriculum

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

### 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 (writing/reading)
- 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 read 1:1 as well as in groups.

We will begin teaching reading through Read Write Inc. phonics (RWI) from Monday 13th 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 numbers to 10
- Representing numbers
- Ordering numbers
- Subitising to 5 (recognising the number of objects by looking at their arrangement/pattern)

Supporting children at home will help their understanding. For example, counting toys, putting cups out, counting steps on the way home, showing a number of fingers 'all at once' without counting etc.

Children will also develop their understanding of shape, space and measure through different areas in the classroom. For example, positional language through games and tidy up time and 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 water in class.

## Literacy

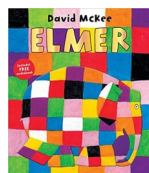
We will be learning class stories through Pie Corbett's Talk for Writing approach. This involves lots of role play and drama to create fantastic writing experiences!

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 familiar stories.

**Books that are linked to our topic include:**  
Elmer- Linking to All About Me

Ruby's Worry- My school community



## Topic

### All About Me

In the first two weeks we will share experiences about our family, friends, home and people who help us.

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](mailto:admin@gainsborough.hackney.sch.uk) with the title 'Reception photo'. We will use these for a class display! And if your child has a favourite book, he/she can bring it in to share it with their friends.

### Gainsborough Keeps

*Excellence in learning. Always striving.*

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

Our focus Keep this half term is 'Keep Kind'.

