

## PE

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

Class PE day:

Thursday

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

## 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 every day). Books will be changed every week; if your child needs to change their book more frequently, please remind them to speak to their class teacher.

## 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

Class Assembly -

Date : 29th September 2021

Our class assembly will be shared on Instagram

# 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

Ravens- Miss Muganga

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 in the run up to SATs. They will learn simple exercises and techniques designed to refocus their thoughts and emotions.



## 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 Kind. The children will think about ways to show kindness to others; developing their skills of showing consideration, giving compliments and donating to charitable causes.



## 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 completing summaries in our reading logs daily.
- To support your child at home, please read with them every day.
- Reading lessons will continue to focus on answering a range of question types based on the book that children are reading.
- Children can also access Reading Plus at home. The username and password will be found on the inside cover of the homework book.



## 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 continue to 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 helping them to practise their times tables using Times Tables Rockstars and complete tasks set on Mathletics.

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

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>  
<https://login.mathletics.com/>



## Topic

This half term we will be basing our learning on:

### World War I

We will be exploring the causes of World War I. The children will be looking at what caused the war and the consequences of each action taken. They will be exploring the idea of 'What if...?' The children will also 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'.