

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.



PE Kit items are your child's clothing

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.

The Floor Book

The Floor Book will include Hummingbird Class's special moments and shared activities.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting half term!



Gainsborough Primary School Hummingbirds Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!
Welcome back to Hummingbirds class!

We hope you had a lovely break. The children have settled back into Reception very well and are making the most of all the exciting learning opportunities on offer. We have been very busy!

We hope our newsletter will give you some information about what we will be learning about over this half term.

Staff

Class Teacher: Mrs Daoud

Class Teacher: Miss Maljee

Teaching Assistant: 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 continue to teach the children to read using Read Write Inc phonics programme. The children now know a number of different sounds and are learning how to blend the sounds to read words.

Please take a look at these videos to give you ideas about how to support your child at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNYFikwNQgTg>

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
- Composition of numbers
- Geometry (circles and triangles)
- Positional language

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.

The Numberblocks website has a large number of activities and songs to support your child's learning in Maths.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

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.

Writing

This term the children will learn to...

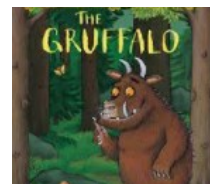
- Communicate meaning by producing letter strings.
- Become aware of different purposes of writing.
- Begin to break the flow of speech into words.
- Use finger spaces and full stops in their writing.

Topic

This half term we will be learning about Winter, Animals and Chinese New Year.

Books that are linked to our topic include:

Blue Penguin
The Gruffalo



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 Safe'. The children will be learning about the schools safety measures related to Covid 19. They will be discussing how to keep themselves safe inside and outside the school, e.g. when using resources and equipment, traveling, using the internet etc.

