

Learning Logs, Homework and Reminders

Homework is handed out each week on a **Friday** and must be returned to school by **Tuesday**. Children will be given spelling, times tables and a piece of writing homework based on their campaign, topic work or an upcoming whole school event. They will also be set a task on Athletics.

Please remember to read daily with your child at home. Books will be changed every Thursday; if your child needs to change their book before, remind them to speak to the class teacher.

Spanish, Music and PE

Spanish:

In Spanish the children will explore food. They will name and describe the different types of food that we eat.

Music:

This term the children will continue to learn about music with Apollo Music. Year 4 will continue to learn to play the keyboard throughout the year, this term their focus will be composition! This is a great opportunity for your child to develop learning a musical instrument.

We also look forward to our joint class trip with Year 3, to the Apollo Music Concert!

PE:

PE lessons will continue to take place on Mondays. Please ensure that your child attends school in their PE kit. The children will be learning to play handball and tag rugby.

Key Dates

- 5th January 2022 - Children return
- Apollo Chamber Orchestra Workshop - 11th January 2022
- Trip to City Airport - (date to be confirmed)
- End of Half Term - 11th February 2022

Gainsborough Primary School Year 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 4,
Welcome back to Gainsborough!

We hope that you all had a lovely break! Doves made a great start to the new term and we are really looking forward to all our new learning opportunities!



Adults Working in Doves

Miss Ragan—Class teacher
Miss Robb—Teaching assistant



Our Campaign this half term is:

How can we reduce our carbon footprint?

The children will be discovering what a carbon footprint is and the effect of carbon emissions on our planet. They will then be devising their own strategies to reduce our school's carbon footprint. Take a look at this website with your child at home to discover more about your family's carbon footprint.

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>

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 Safe as we continue to ensure that we keep ourselves and each other safe from COVID 19. We are also focusing on keeping safe online. With so many of us on devices at home each day we must follow safer internet use at all times.

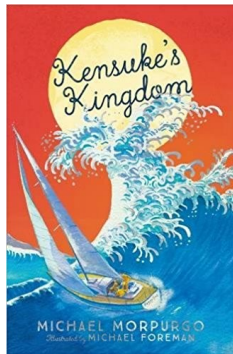
Reading

- We are looking at different questions types in reading, including retrieval, inference and deduction questions.
- Our class reader is 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo
- To support your child at home please read with them each day for around 20 minutes and encourage them to use Reading Plus, which will further develop the skills learnt in school.
- Please also remind children to write daily summaries in their Reading Logs, as these are checked daily to track reading and understanding progress

Writing

This half term our writing will be inspired by the story 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. The story is about a boy called Michael who is sailing around the world with his family. One stormy night, he is thrown overboard and ends up stranded on a desert island.

We will be writing newspaper reports reporting on the disappearance of Michael, letters from Michael in the form of a message in a bottle and diary entries from the viewpoint of Kensuke.



Maths

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

- Number— Multiplication & Division (3 weeks)
- Number— Fractions (4 weeks)

Please support your child at home by practising times tables. By the end of Year 4 they should know all multiplication and division facts for up to 12x12.

Remember - Children should be logging on to Mathletics and Times Table

Rockstars weekly.



Curriculum

Our Topic this half term is:

Gateways To The World

We will using maps to locate different countries in the world. We will be learning about how an airport works, the different jobs people do in an airport and how weather can affect flights. The children will then debate whether an airport should be built in Hackney.



Our Science topic this half term is:

Sound

We will be experimenting with how sound moves by making string telephones and constructing our own musical instruments.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/index_flash.shtml

Punctuality

It is very important that your child is on time for school. Soft start begins at 8:45am and during this we practise our weekly spellings. If pupils arrive after 9am they will miss out on this learning opportunity.

Computing

During our Computing lessons children will be coding their own flight program in Scratch.

Your child can access Scratch at home to start exploring the world of coding.

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>

