#### PE

This term, the children will be focusing on developing their skills related to dance, Gymnastics and yoga. They will be refining the skills of flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance.

PE is on Thursday's—please remind children to come in their PE kit.

#### RE

This term in RE, the children will be learning about Christianity and Buddhism. They will ask and answer questions about how Christians show their beliefs and what the Buddha taught about living a better life.

# Spanish

This term, the children will be learning vocabulary and phrases related to family and pets, using roleplay and sentence builders for description.

#### Music

This term, the children will be listening to and appraising how music is created through the use of pitch, texture, dynamics, tempo and rhythm. They will use this knowledge to practice singing in union and perform using an instrument.

### Art and Design and DT

This term in DT, the children will be learning about building a bridge structure how to stiffen, strengthen and reinforce a 3D bridge.



# Gainsborough Primary School Year 5 Class Newsletter

Dear families of children in Year 5, we hope you had and your children had a lovely Summer break and are ready for a new term of learning.

# Adults Working in Year 5

Mr Carter- class teacher Mrs Bilgetay- teaching assistant Mr Furlong-teaching assistant

# Key Dates

Dates for your Diary

Democracy Day Friday 15th September

Hackney Wick Carnival Sunday 17th September

Lea Valley canoeing Friday 29th September

Tree Planting Tuesday 3rd October

Parents in class Black History Month Friday 6th October 2.45pm

Docklands Trip Thursday 12th October

Halloween Disco Thursday 19th October

INSET DAY Friday 20th October

# Gainsborough Keeps Campaign

Our class Campaign project this term is focused on Keep Green. The children will be completing a tree planting project in our local area as well as taking part in a canal clean up. During these activities the children will take positive steps towards creating a clean environment.

### Writing

Our writing units this half term are based around our topic of rivers. We will begin with a new writing unit by reading the book "Journey to the River Sea" by Eva Ibbotson. Using this book as our base, we will be writing narratives. We will then move on to looking at a variety of poems with rivers as the stimulus to learn about poetry format and techniques.

We will also be using "River Story" by Meredith Hooper as a basis for learning more about information texts, including using formal and technical language.

# Reading

This half term, we will be continuing to practice wide range of reading skills, with a focus on comprehension. We will be looking at a poetry text, "Please Mrs Butler" by Allan Ahlberg; a non-fiction text, "Rivers", and a Fictional text, "Oranges in No Man's Land" by Elizabeth Laird.

Children are expected to complete their reading log daily in year 5! Please ensure they have it everyday.

## <u>Maths</u>

In maths, the children will be review their knowledge of place value in order to identify the value of different numbers. They will be honing their addition, subtraction, multiplication, division skills and knowledge of fractions. Children need to continue to work on their 7, 8 and 9 timetables.

#### ICT

This term, the children will develop their understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices.

# History & Geography

This half term, the children will be investigating rivers

For the Geography focus, the children will look at the different stages of how rivers are formed and have the chance to investigate rivers in their local area.

For the History focus, the children will research how local rivers have changed over time, and compare the River Lea to the River Nile of Ancient Egypt.

### Science

This term, the children will be investigating why living things need to reproduce and take a detailed look at the human life cycle, comparing with animals.