

Junk modelling and loose parts

We will continue to do junk modelling and loose parts play on a weekly basis to support children with their creativity by arranging and rearranging the materials in their own way. If you have any materials such as **boxes, plastic lids, pipes, log rounds, buckets, blocks and rocks**, please pass it to a member of staff to be used in the provision.



Important notice

Forest school for Geese and Ducks class will be on **every Wednesdays**. Please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing, welly boots and gloves and hats (if needed). Without enough volunteers we will not be able to do forest school due to the adult-child ratios, please sign up if you are able to support us.

PE

PE will be on **every Thursdays**. Children should come into school in their PE kits.

Breakfast club and After school

If you would like your child to attend a club please complete a form at the main office.

Breakfast clubs: 8.00-8.45 am
After school clubs: 3.45-5.00 pm
Playcentre: 5.00-6.00 pm

Thank you for your continued support throughout the last term. We look forward to another busy and exciting half term!

Nursery Team :)



Gainsborough Primary School
Nursery Ducks & Geese Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Spring 1 and Happy New Year! Geese class in Nursery have made amazing progress over the Autumn term so we are very excited to continue with a positive attitude towards learning in Spring term! We are excited to have new friends joining our nursery! We would like to say a warm welcome to Ducks class.

Adults Working in Ducks and Geese

Class Teachers: Ms Lau
Support Staff: Ms Tashi and Ms Malcom

Dates for your diary

Mon 8th Jan	Inset Day
Tues 9th Jan	Children Return!
Mon 15th Jan	Reception admission deadline
Fri 19th Jan	Family Friday
Fri 2nd Feb	Family Friday
Wed 8th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Fri 10th Feb	Gainsborough's Got Talent

Gainsborough Keeps

This term our Gainsborough keep focus is on Keep safe.

We will be discussing how to keep ourselves safe inside and outside the school.

We will be learning about road safety and how to use resources and equipment safely .



Writing

Our core texts for this term are:

- Winter
- The wheels on the bus

Throughout this half term we will be exploring the season winter and make comparisons to Autumn, noting what is the same and what is different. The key vocabulary that we are going to learn are: winter, season, snow, snowball, frozen, spiky, melt, ice, cold, gloves, snowman. When reading the text 'The wheels on the bus', we will explore different occupations and use new vocabulary in our talk and play. We will explore words such as driver, traffic, bus stop, job, passengers, road and transport.



Reading

With Oracy being the main focus throughout the school, we strongly encourage you to read with your child on a regular basis and provoke as many discussions around the text or their areas of interest.

You can do this by:

- Summarise pages read, choose 1 or 2 focus words and explore meanings.
- Access online resources such as e-books and Cbeebies Storytime, which is a fantastic way of introducing a wealth of fiction and non-fiction stories.



Our reading book packs will also offer opportunities to explore different familiar texts and activities relevant to the story that supports children's writing and communication skills. Book packs will be given out **every Friday** and should be returned on the following **Tuesday**. Please ensure the yellow reading log (with added comment) and the book are in the bag before returning.

Maths

For this coming half term we will be:

- Counting a small number of objects from a group when asked (1-2) e.g. for example, 'please give me one', 'please give me two'
- Beginning to compare and recognise changes in numbers of things, using words like 'more', 'lots' and the 'same'
- Making comparisons between objects relating to size.
- Responding to some spatial and positional language

Topic

Winter

- Seasonal changes
- Winter/ Arctic animals
- Melting and freezing

Feelings

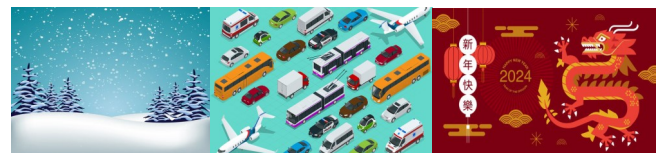
- To explore different feelings
- Self and co-regulation

My community and transport

- Observational drawing of maps with positional language.
- Traffic signs and their purposes
- Types of transportation

Chinese New Year

- Why and how this is celebrated in some countries.



Family Fridays

We would like to welcome you into our class to do an activity with your child from 9.00-9.30am every other Friday.

Week 2: Winter themed activities

Week 4: Naughty bus activities + Chinese New Year celebration

