

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, crates, sheets, 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 Swans class will now be on **every Tuesdays**. 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 now be on **every Fridays**. 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 Swans Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Spring 1 and Happy New Year!

Children 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!

Adults Working in Swans

Class Teachers: Ms Maljee/Ms Lau
Support Staff: Ms Colbert

Dates for your diary

Mon 8th Jan	Inset Day
Tues 9th Jan	Children Return!
Fri 12th Jan	Family Friday
Fri 26th Jan	Family Friday
Wed 8th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Fri 9th Feb	EYFS Family Friday
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:

- The snowy day
- Naughty 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, mountain, adventure, melt, ice, cold, gloves, snowman. When reading the Naughty Bus, we will explore different occupations, and use new vocabulary in our talk and play. We will explore words such as present, driver, traffic, bus stop, job, passengers, road, rescue 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 reading log (with added comment), resources and the book are in the bag before returning.

Maths

For this coming half term we will be focusing on:

- Say one number for each item in order; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. (One to one correspondence)
- Compare quantities using words such as 'the same', 'more' and 'less'.
- Make comparisons between objects relating to size.
- Show an interest in shapes in the environment.
- Talk about and explore 2D/3D shapes

Topic

- **Winter**
 - Seasonal changes
 - Winter/ Arctic animals
 - Melting and freezing
- **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 1: Winter themed activities

Week 3: Naughty bus activities (core text)

Week 5: Chinese New Year celebration

