

## PE

PE skills this half term will be taught through a focus on tag rugby and netball.

PE is on **Friday** for Year 2.



## **Gainsborough Primary School** **Year 2 Class Newsletter**

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 2 — welcome back and happy new year! We're looking forward to another half term of learning and progress!

We hope you all had a restful Summer break. We look forward to a term full of exciting learning.

### **Oracy At Gainsborough**

We are working on the children's speaking and listening skills this half term. It would support us greatly if families also:

- read at home and asked 'Why' questions about what they have read
- always do homework with their children and talk through what they have to do, why
- talked about the school day asking questions about what they loved, disliked and would like to improve

### **Dates for your Diary**

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| Fri 19th Jan | London Fire Brigade Y2           |
| Fri 19th Jan | Y2 and Y4 Family Sharing         |
| Mon 6th Feb  | Safer Internet Day               |
| Fri 26th Jan | Y2 Christopher Wren Walk         |
| Fri 10th Feb | Parent's in Class                |
| Fri 10th Feb | <b>Gainsborough's Got Talent</b> |

## **Spanish**

This half term, we will be learning to name healthy and unhealthy foods.

## **Music**

In music, we will continue learning about rhythm and beat through learning a new song called 'I Wanna Play in a Band' which is based on rock music.

## **Art and Design and DT**

This half term, we will be creating free standing Tudor houses, similar to those destroyed in the Great Fire of London.

### **Gainsborough Keeps Campaign**

Our class campaign this term links to keep safe. The children will be learning how to keep safe around fire and will promote their safety tips across the school.



### **Adults Working in Year**

Mrs Lincoln  
Miss Thomas  
Miss Paul

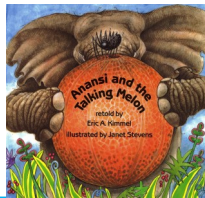
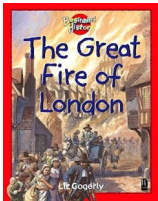
### Writing

Our writing units this half term are based around our topic of the Great Fire of London and on stories from other cultures.

Based around 'The Great Fire of London' by Liz Gogerly:  
we will begin by writing a diary inspired by Samuel Pepys.

We will then explore the features of poetry to write our own descriptive poems based on the event.

Based on 'Anansi and the Talking Watermelon' by Eric Kimmel,:  
We will write our own narratives.



### Reading

This half term, we will be accessing a range of texts including:

- Vlad and the Great Fire of London
- Jim and the Beanstalk
- Maximus and the Beanstalk
- Ways into History: the Great Fire of London

We will be developing our skills of understanding the meaning of new words and answering questions based off of clues in the text.

### Maths

This half term in maths, we will be focusing on new units including:

- money
- multiplication

Please continue to log in to NumBots and TT Rockstars

### ICT

In ICT, we will be focusing on programming to learn how to move a robot.



### History & Geography

Our unit on the Great Fire of London encompasses elements of both history and geography.

This term, we will be learning about:

- The cause and consequence of the fire
- Fire safety in the past
- London in 1666 compared to now.
- The Great Plague



### Science

In science, we will be learning about materials and why they matter. This will link to our topic on the Great Fire of London as we discuss the materials used to build houses in the past and now. We will begin to explore the beneficial properties of a range of materials.

