

PE

PE lessons this half term will focus on handball and Tag-Rugby.

Class PE day: **Monday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit on Friday.

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 by asking questions about what they loved, disliked and would like to improve

Spanish

Year 6 will build on their speaking and listening skills as they learn key vocabulary used in restaurants.

They will learn to express the foods they like and dislike.

Music

Year 6 will focus on rock genre this half term as they explore how music makes them feel. Using instruments including Glockenspiels, xylophones, chime bars, they will work together as an ensemble. Key vocabulary includes: Scale, improvise, compose, style indicator band, ensemble, pulse, pitch, and rhythm.

Art and Design and DT

Inspired by their Mayan history topic, Year 6 will design and make tribal masks.

They will examine masks worn during the Mayan civilisation to help generate ideas.



Gainsborough Primary School

Year 6 Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 6,
Happy New Year. We hope you are all well and are ready for more exciting learning opportunities

Adults Working in Year

Miss Muganga and Miss Siddika

Dates for your Diary

Mon 8th Jan Inset Day

Tues 9th Jan Children Return!

Mon 22nd Jan Y6 British Museum

Mon 6th Feb Safer Internet Day

Tues 7th Feb Y5 6 Family ICT

Fri 10th Feb Year 6 Family Sharing

Fri 10th Feb Parent's in Class

Fri 10th Feb **Gainsborough's Got Talent**

Gainsborough Keeps Campaign

Year 6's campaign this half term is 'keep connected' focusing on how we can connect with people online safely. We will be developing materials to share with classes about how to keep safe online.



Writing

Our writing units this half term are based around the story 'The Lion the Witch and Wardrobe. The children will be writing a setting description - Going through the wardrobe and discovering Narnia.

They will also be writing formal and informal letters.

The SPAG objectives we will be focusing on in our writing this half term are:

- Using figurative language to describe.
- Using a relative clauses beginning with 5Ws
- Sentence level work
- Use of the semi-colon, colon and dash to mark the boundary between independent
- Punctuation of bullet points to list information

Maths

This half term we will be looking at ratio, decimals, percentages and algebra.

Please continue supporting your child's learning at home by continuing to practice their times tables using

Times Table Rockstars

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

<https://login.mathletics.com/>



History & Geography

Mayan Civilisation

This half term, we will be looking at Mayan Civilisation. We will be exploring the sophisticated ancient civilisation and comparing them against our own beliefs. The children will explore the foods, fashions, the game of death and the importance of religion. We will also study the changes to the landscape and size of the Mayan Empire.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw>

Reading

- This half term we will be enjoying the story "**The Lion the Witch and Wardrobe**" our class reader.
- We will be practising our summarising skills by regularly completing summaries in our learning logs.
- To support your child at home please read with them everyday and encourage them to summarise into their reading logs.
- Children will continue to access **Reading Plus** at home. **The username and password will be found on the inside cover of the homework books.**
- Reading lessons will continue to focus on answering a range of question types, based on the book that they are reading. <https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/login>
- Remind your children to logon to spellzone to complete daily activities. <https://www.spellzone.com>
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ICT

In Computing lessons we shall be learning about Variables in games where we shall explore the concept of variables in programming through games in Scratch.

Science

Evolution and Inheritance

We will explore the process of evolution and adaptation in Science. We will learn more about why we look like our parents and family members. The home learning packs and the website below will provide direction.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvhhvcw>

