

GAINSBOROUGH NURSERY SCHOOL



Autumn Term 3

January 2021



Our Focus this term

This half term we have been looking at change. The children have been exploring different types of material change. We have been busy melting chocolate, investigating Ice by freezing and melting, dissolving jelly and making popcorn!

This has encouraged lots of discussion and the children have been learning lots of wonderful new vocabulary. All of these experiments have encouraged the children to predict what might happen and test out their ideas.

We have enjoyed frosty walks on the nature trail and have been looking out for the signs of winter outside.

This half term we will also be learning about the traditions of Chinese New Year. The children will hear the story of Chinese New Year and we will think about this compares to celebrations that we have. We will be learning a Chinese Dragon dance and tasting yummy Chinese food.

We will also be celebrating the tradition of pancake day. The children will all get the chance to make and eat delicious pan-our very cake



cakes in our own pan-café!

Dates for your diary:

Last day of term:

Term 3: Friday 11th February

Term 3: **Tuesday 4th January to Friday 11th February**

Term 4: **Monday 21st February to Thursday 31st March**

Term 5: **Tuesday 19th April to Friday 27th May**

Term 6: **Monday 6th June to Friday 22nd July**

Scholar pack

Over the next few weeks we will be launching our new parent

contact system. Please keep your eye out for information.

Car Parking

Please be considerate to others when using the carpark.

We are very happy to welcome Jenny back from her maternity leave.

Jenny returned to School last week and resumes her role of Class Teacher and SENDCO.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility. If you think a child might be the victim of abuse or neglect you can either call the NSPCC 0808 800 5000 or the Lincolnshire children's services customer service centre 01522 782111

E-safety

When we come back from the half term break the children will be learning all about how to keep safe online.

It is important that we teach even the youngest children how to keep safe online and the different kinds of activities that are appropriate. More than ever children have access to a wide variety of online devices ranging from Alexa devices, to You tube to online gaming. It is important that children know and understand what is appropriate and who is there to help them keep safe.

The children will be learning simple rules to keep them safe and learning songs to help them remember the rules.

There will be lots of helpful and advice and information sent out to parents to help you to talk about E-safety with your children in an age appropriate way

As always staff are here to help if you need any further support or advice.



Home learning and Book of the Month

Please continue to look out for our home learning challenges and book of the month posts on tapestry. We love to see the learning that you share with us on your tapestry account. Some parents are yet to access their accounts. If you are having problems logging on please pop to the School office window.

Song sheets

There will be a new song sheet for this term You can find these on the website under Home Learning.

Oral Health

Did you know dental check ups and treatment are free for children with an NHS dentist? Regular brushing at least twice a day will help to keep teeth clean and healthy.

Please ask a member of staff for help and advice with tooth brushing or dental care.

Contact details

It is very important that we have your up to date information. Please ensure that the office has contact phone numbers, home address and email details.

If you are unsure please check at the office.

Change of clothes

Please remember to bring a spare set of clothes for your child in case they need changing.

Dummies

The NHS recommend that babies stop using dummies between 6 and 12 months.

If you need any advice or help in encouraging your child to give up their dummy please speak to a member of staff.