

**Our Vision**

We **ASPIRE** to be the best we can be.

We learn from our **EXPERIENCES**.

We **CHALLENGE** ourselves each day.

We respect and **CELEBRATE** our Gainsborough family.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the start of a new school year and it's wonderful to see the children back from the holidays, well rested and ready to learn! Across the classes, there has been some fantastic work taking place, with children challenging themselves to produce their best work. The behaviour from all the children has been exceptional and it has been a pleasure to visit the classes and see students who are polite, articulate and able to talk about their learning.

There are many exciting learning opportunities taking place in Key Stage 2 this half term. As a staff, we want to continue providing children with these fantastic experiences that link to their learning and enjoyment of school. In the first 2 weeks of this School Term, all classes will be learning all about an endangered animal which have been chosen as their class name. They will completing cross curricular activities including Art, Music and even some poetry.

As class teachers, there is always one morning a week where we are available on the play-ground to talk to you about your child. Please come and speak to us then or after school. Alternatively, make an appointment through the office if there is anything you'd like to discuss.

Reminder-Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit for PE lessons.

**Year 3** The children will be learning about what makes the Earth angry in their Topic work this half term with a focus on volcanoes and the weather. In Science, they will be learning about different types of rocks, their purposes and uses and how they are used in everyday life. In RE, their lessons will focus on signs and symbols in Christianity. Our PE days are every Wednesday. The children will also be participating in exciting Spanish lessons and learn more about the Spanish culture.



**Mathletics**

The school has again subscribed to the Mathletics website. Children have been provided with their passwords and should aim to visit this website daily. It's a fantastic website, with challenges and games to play. Children are also awarded with certificates in assembly when they achieve a certain number of points so it's well worth taking part at home!

**Year4**

This term in our Topic work, **Year 4** will be learning about the Romans and finding out why they were so powerful. In science they will be looking at how the digestive system works and how to keep our bodies healthy. This will involve investigations and challenges! The children will also visit the Museum of London and in RE they will learn about the Religions in our neighbourhood and what makes Newham so special! PE day for both classes is every **Thursday** and the focus will be on Striking and Field Hockey. We will also be learning about how the law works and it has changed over time.