



Gayhurst Community School

Class Information for Parents / Carers

Date: January 2020 Teacher: Mimi Class: 1M

English– we are learning to:

Remember when and where we need to use full stops in their writing. Focussing on developing our sentences by using expanded noun phrases, e.g the beautiful, lovely butterfly. They will also be developing their use of capital letters, remembering that they are needed for the personal pronoun 'I', days of the week, names of people and places. This term children will be really looking at how they can develop their sentences by using 'and' correctly in their writing. We will be reading a range of books and poems. Some of the books we will be reading are, 'Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book', 'Traction Man', 'The Hodgeheg' and 'Traditional Stories from Around the World'.

You can help your child at home by: Reminding them when they need to use capital letters and full stops. Get children to say their sentence, count it and then write it. Practice year 1 high frequency words, for example, the, have, they.

Maths – we are learning to:

Consolidate our understanding of number by counting to and across 40; beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number. We will read and write numbers to 40 in numerals. Read and interpret mathematical symbols and statements. Add and subtract one-digit numbers to 20. Solve one-step problems that involve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, using concrete objects and pictorial representations. We will recognise, find and name a half as one of two equal parts. In measure we will focus on time and sequence events in chronological order. Our geometry focus will be to recognise and name common 3D shapes and revisit 2D shapes

You can help your child at home by: encouraging them to count in steps of twos and tens.

Science, R.E and Music :In music the focus will be on rock music. Children will listen, perform and improvise songs using different instruments. In R.E they will be learning all about Christianity, looking at what Christians believe and how they worship. In Science children will be learning all about materials. They will be looking at how objects are made from different materials and that materials have different properties. They will also look at identifying and naming a variety of everyday materials.

PE

This term we will have P.E on a Tuesday. This term we are also going to be doing African Drumming every Friday.

It is very important that all children have a complete change of clothes for PE, for safety and hygiene including trainers or plimsolls. Please provide your child with a hair band if they long hair and ensure they do not wear any jewellery.

A message from your child's teacher:

Welcome to the new Spring term! I hope you have had a lovely break and you are ready and excited for what's in store. I would just like to remind you that children are expected to bring in their book bags **everyday**. I will also like to remind you to practice the weekly spellings with your child as we will be having spelling test every week.

School starts promptly at 9:05 am and ends at 3:30 pm.

Please inform the school if your child is sick