



# Gayhurst Community School

## Class Information for Parents / Carers

Date : January 2020 Teacher : Melissa Class : 3M

### **English**

In English our new book is Krindlekrax. We will be using role play and drama to explore the characters and their motivations in this book, helping us to write emotive diary entries. We will also use the fantastic description in the book to help us with our own descriptive writing as we practise using descriptive language to write character descriptions.

We will also be practising drafting, writing and editing our long pieces of writing during weekly extended writing sessions.

You can help your child at home by :

reading together and encouraging your child to practise their spellings.

### **Maths**

In Maths we will be practising adding and subtracting numbers mentally and will also work on more formal written methods of addition and subtraction. We will also practise methods that will help us to multiply and divide this term, again ensuring we can do this mentally and using written methods.

Fractions is another topic we will be covering this term. We will learn to order, compare and find equivalent fractions. We will also be learning to find fractions of shapes and sets of objects. We will also be practising telling the time using analogue and digital clocks. This will help us when solving problems involving time.

You can help your child at home by: practising telling the time together. You can also focus on practising multiplication facts with them.

### **Science**

In Science we will be learning about electricity. We will be using equipment to design and make our own simple circuits and devices. We will learn to draw diagrams of circuits using recognised symbols. We will also investigate materials to find out whether they are good conductors and insulators.

You can help your child at home by discussing electricity and the safe use of electrical items at home.

### **PE**

We will be having PE lessons twice each week. During these PE lessons our focus will be on learning and practising the skills to play invasion games.

**Your child needs their PE kit on Mondays and Thursdays.**

Welcome back! I hope you had a good break.

We are very excited about all of the things we have planned for this term. As part of design and technology, we will have cooking lessons this half term. We also have STEM week to look forward to this half term. We will be singing and using percussion instruments in music lessons and we will continue to have weekly ukulele lessons this term. After half term we will be learning all about the Anglo-Saxons in Britain.

If you can, please ask your child about their learning. Thank you for supporting your child with their homework. If there is anything else you need to discuss, please feel free to make an appointment with me after school.

Thanks, Melissa

**School starts promptly at 9.00 am and ends at 3.30pm.**