



Gayhurst Community School

Class Information for Parents / Carers

Date: April 2022

Teacher : Sophie

Class: 5/6S

English— we are reading the action-filled espionage thriller featuring Alex Rider 'Storm Breaker'. This a fantastic opportunity to explore exciting narrative techniques and identify how language, structure and author voice can contribute to meaning. We will be writing our own action and adventure stories, using different narrative techniques that build suspense and tension for the reader. We will analyse language and techniques from the text and use them in our own writing as well as completing fun and engaging writing tasks like writing our own mission instructions. We will also continue to explore grammar related to our SATS in May and then after we will get our teeth stuck into lots of different exciting writing, as well as prepare for our end of year production!

You can help your child at home by: Encouraging them to read from the book in their bookbag throughout the week and promoting a discussion with them around the text; You can also discuss our foundation topics to encourage oral literacy and promotes your child's wider understanding and knowledge. It is also extremely helpful to practice the spellings on the school website with your child each week.

Maths—we continue to revise and deepen our understanding of the four operations and general arithmetic such as fractions, decimals and percentages in tandem with our reasoning and problem solving questions. We will build our confidence in tackling more tricky reasoning problems in preparation for our SATS and then afterwards we will tune into our mathematician minds by completing interesting investigations.

You can help your child at home by: Ensuring that they complete their Maths homework, which they will be receiving weekly from their teacher on a Friday. If you wish to complete any additional SATS preparation, this is always helpful.

Topic – This term we will be studying coding using Purple Mash, Electronic Systems in D.T. where we will create a programmable circuit with many variables using the Crumble resource from RedFern electronics. We will also complete a fun and exciting STEM week where we will build on our cross curricular understanding of circuits and structures and create a moving ferris wheel using art straws and a motor. After half term, our History topic will be Benin and finally we will end the year with a Biology topic in Science.

PE

Your child needs their PE kit on Friday and their Swimming kit on Thursday.

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. All children will participate in swimming unless they have a doctor's note.

A message from your child's teachers:

Welcome back! The summer term is always an exciting and enjoyable one and we have lots of fun and engaging activities lined up. It is always wonderful to make the most of the Lido and do swimming as part of our P.E. offer, and this term we also have African Drumming and Dance, as well as the residential trip for Year 6 and the end of year performance. Lots to look forward to and a busy term ahead!

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