



Gayhurst Community School

Class Information for Parents / Carers

Date: April 2022

Teacher Winnie

Class: 5W

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 such as determiners, modal verbs, speech and much more and embed our understanding of this through our writing.

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 continuing to revise and deepen our understanding of the four operations and using formal methods to solve problems with increasingly large numbers. We will then apply this knowledge to multi-step word problems. We will also examine statistics and geometry in more detail, as well as building on our understanding of area and perimeter in composite shapes, angles and missing angles.

You can help your child at home by: Encouraging them to learn and remember all of their times table and division facts, out of sequence and ensuring that they complete their Maths homework, which they will be receiving weekly from their teacher on a Friday. It is also helpful to practice telling the time with your child in both digital and analogue format and develop an understanding of money.

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 Wednesday 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 to the start of our final term in year 5. Summer term comes with warm weather and a few changes to the class timetable. I'm looking forward to a term full of fun learning and activities. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me at the end of the school day. If you have a query that may need more of a discussion, please call/email the office and we can arrange a time that is more convenient. We can do this 5W.

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