



# Gayhurst Community School

## Class Information for Parents / Carers

Date: September 2022 Teacher: Kashmir Class: 1K

**English**— we are learning to develop our understanding around punctuation, using capital letters, full stops and question marks correctly. This term we will begin by reading the book 'Traction Man. Traction Man is a story about a super hero toy called Traction Man and his trusty pet , Scrubbing Brush who have adventures in their house and garden. We will learning to use capital letters and full stops correctly, use finger spaces between words and us capital letters for proper nouns. Later in the term we will read the book 'Beegu', a story about a little alien who crash lands on earth. We will develop our use of adjectives and verbs to help retell the story. We will also be learning how to use the pronoun 'I' when we write a postcard pretending to be Beegu. During all our writing sessions we will be working hard to develop our stamina for writing as well as self-editing our work to check for errors. **You can help your child at home by:** getting children to check their sentences, have they used capital letters and full stops correctly. Getting children to edit their sentences, checking they have written letters correctly, remember when in lower case, 'p,g,j,y' are all descenders and fall below the line.

**Maths**—This term there will be a big focus on number and counting. Children will be practicing counting out a number of objects, focusing on their 1:1 correspondence. They will also be working on recognising numbers, seeing four bears and knowing that is four, seeing 8 grapes and knowing that is 8. Children will be focusing on number 1-10 and moving towards looking at numbers 1-20. They will be looking closely at number bonds within ten, for example looking at all the different ways you can make 8. To do this, children will be using lots of concrete resources to help them visualise and see the number sentence. There will also be a big focus on counting on and back from different numbers. Children practicing counting back from 9 and knowing the next number is 7. **You can help your child at home by:** exploring different numbers at home, going on a number hunt outside. Get children to use fun resources at home to practice their number formation, maybe using pasta to make 7.

**History/Science/DT** – In History we are learning all about Toys. We will be studying toys from the past and using a timeline to compare the age of toys from the past. We will be looking at Victorian toys and comparing them with toys from today. In Science , children will be looking at Animals including Humans. We will be studying the human body including the senses . We will also be looking at animal body parts and different types of animals such as : mammals, fish amphibians , reptiles and birds. Excitingly, this term we will be learning all about cooking and nutrition in design and Technology!

### PE

**Your child needs their PE kit on Monday and 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 back! The children have settled beautifully into 1K, coming into school with the biggest smiles on their faces every morning. We have been very busy getting stuck back into our school routine, and we all are enjoying it very much. Excitingly, this term we will be starting our Drumming and Dance lessons on Friday and later on in the term we will we visiting the school of food! Thank you so much for all of your support as we have started back. Please let me know at the gate, or e-mail admin, if you have any issues that you would like to discuss. I'd be happy to arrange a telephone chat. Thank you! Kashmir.**

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