



# Gayhurst Community School

## Class Information for Parents / Carer

Date: September 2022 Teacher: Lauren Class: 2L

**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 superhero toy called Traction Man and his trusty pet, Scrubbing Brush, who have adventures in their house and garden. We will be learning to use capital letters and punctuation correctly, use simple times connectives, and to use direct speech. 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 time connectives to help retell the story. We will also be learning all about past tense and first person 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, to see if they have used capital letters and full stops correctly. Get children to edit their sentences, checking they have written letters correctly and remembered that, when in lower case, 'p,g,j,y' are all descenders and fall below

**Maths**—we are learning to develop our knowledge of place value when looking at two-digit numbers. We will also be using our place value knowledge when ordering and comparing numbers. We will look closely at addition and subtraction, finding different strategies to solve calculations. Later in the term we will learn about fractions and money. We will look closely at finding a fraction of a shape and a quantity. We will then look at money, recognising and ordering coins based on their value, then moving to making different amounts. **You can help your child at home by:** practising simple addition and subtraction. Get children to practice counting forward and back in their head. Often children struggle to cross the barrier of 10, e.g. 23,22,21,20 \_\_. Make different things at home and split it into fractions, just focusing on  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  for now.

**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 Tuesday and Wednesday.**

**This term 2L will be doing Gymnastics on Tuesdays. 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:**

I wish you all a warm welcome to 2L and the start of the school year. It has been wonderful getting to know your brilliant children and we are already getting stuck in to routines and our learning. 2L will be starting Gymnastics with Autumn on Tuesdays, which I know the children will love. 2L are also the first class in the school to have their class assembly! This will be on Thursday 29th September at 3.00pm. I can't wait for the children to perform for you all! They will continue to develop their performance skills with a drama workshop in October and they will try some cooking at The School of Food with Chef Tom at the end of the half term. Please come and have a chat at drop-off or pick-up if you have any questions, or email the admin team and I will arrange a phone call.  
Best wishes, Lauren

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