



# Gayhurst Community School

## Class Information for Parents / Carer

Date: September 2022 Teacher: Class: 2P

**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 learn to use capital letters and punctuation correctly, use simple time 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, 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**—we are learning to develop our knowledge of place value when we are looking at two-digit numbers. We will also be using our place value knowledge when ordering and comparing numbers. We will also look closely at addition and subtraction, looking closely at the different strategies to solve calculations. Later in the term we will learn about fractions and money. Looking 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:** practicing simple addition and subtraction. Getting children to practice counting on and back in their head. Often children struggle to cross the barrier of 10, e.g 23,22,21,20 \_\_. Making different things at home and splitting 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 Wednesday 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 2P, 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 be 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! Phoebe.**

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