



Gayhurst Community School

Class Information for Parents / Carer

September 2022

Teacher : Thomas 4T

English

In English we will start the term by reading the book *Gorilla* by Anthony Browne. We will be exploring the feelings of the characters in the story through role play. We will use this to inspire our writing and will also write reports based on themes from the story. Later this half term we will be reading *Iron Man* by Ted Hughes and will work on writing dialogue, narratives and developing the use of figurative language. Each week, we will work towards producing a piece of writing for our final outcomes using the skills taught throughout the week.

You can help your child at home by :

reading together and encouraging your child to practise their spellings.

Maths

In Maths we will be securing our understanding of place value by comparing and ordering Numbers, exploring a range of mathematical vocabulary and symbols and using previous knowledge to make connections and solve problems. We will be practising adding and subtracting numbers mentally and will also work on more formal written methods of addition and subtraction. We shall develop the use of inverse and selecting the most appropriate strategies to work through and solve problems.

We will also practise methods that will help us to multiply and divide this term, developing our rapid recall. You can help your child at home by: practising telling the time and recalling times tables facts with your child.

Science

In Science our first topic is Forces and Magnetism. In this topic we will be looking at the different types of forces and how they can be made. We shall consider the relevance of different materials and forces including friction and magnetism. We will learn about differing strengths of forces and how to test and measure these forces. You can help your child at home by: identifying household items that involve magnetism and how the force is used.

PE

PE is on Thursdays and Fridays. Do remember to send your child in with their PE kit at the start of the week and it will be kept at school unless taken home to wash. Thursdays we have Multi-skills and Fridays we have African drumming. We will **not** go swimming until the Summer term.

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely break and are excited for the start of a new term. This term, our new topic looks at the UK and Spain and we will explore both countries, identifying the similarities and differences. This will link with our weekly Spanish sessions where the children will begin/continue to develop speaking Spanish. To support our learning, children will be encouraged to rehearse their Spanish outside of school including using the site Language Angels.

We already know that you take an interest in your child's work. If you can, please ask your child about their learning each day. Thank you for supporting your child with their homework. If there is anything else you need to discuss, please feel free to email the main office and I will happily contact you to arrange a time to have a conversation.

Thomas

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