



# Gayhurst Community School

## Class Information for Parents / Carer

September 2022

Teacher: Winnie

Class: 5W

### English

In English we will be starting the term with the picture book *Way Home*. We will explore the issues in this book and draw on the images and language used in the book to inspire setting and character descriptions. Later this half term, we will be reading the book *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* where we will explore character development and description. We will also be writing letters in role and letters to persuade.

**You can help your child at home by ensuring your child is reading daily, discussing the books that they are reading in school and at home.**

### Maths

In Maths we will be securing our understanding of place value by comparing, ordering and rounding numbers, including negative numbers. We will be practising adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing numbers mentally and using the inverse to check accuracy. We will also be practising using written methods to perform these operations.

**You can help your child at home by: practising quick recall of multiplication and related division facts.**

### PE

This half term we will be swimming on a Thursday. Please remember to bring your swimming kit: towel, costume, hat and goggles (optional). In P.E. lessons we will be playing invasion games. Your child will need the appropriate kit on Tuesday and Friday.

### Foundation Subjects

Our History topic for this half term is *Anglo Saxons and Vikings: The Struggle for England*. In this topic we will learn about the chronology of this period of change in Britain. We will explore the terms raiders, invasion and settlers. We will also look at the battles and identify how these changed Britain. In Design and Technology, we will be learning about *Cooking and Nutrition*. This topic will involve a trip to the Hackney School of Food.

Welcome back to school and to Year 5.

I hope that you had a lovely summer. I am really looking forward to the coming year with the class.

Homework challenge cards will be coming out this week. We will also be settling up Maths homework books for Year 6 next week. The Maths homework will be sent out weekly and will need to be returned Wednesday of the following week.

There will be a parent/carers evening later in the autumn term. Please feel free to speak to me at pick-up time if you have any quick questions. Alternatively, if you need to meet with me, please call the office to make an appointment.

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