



Gayhurst Community School

Class Information for Parents / Carer

April 2023

Teacher: Sophie

Class: 5/6S (Year 5)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you back to school and hope that you had a good break. In this letter, you will find an overview of the work that your child will be completing this Summer Term in school. Please find opportunities to support your child's learning by doing additional research on new topics. Your child will also have Homework Challenges to allow them to explore this term's curriculum in exciting ways at home. It is really important to read/share books daily with your child.

Reading books must be in school every day.

English

In English we will be starting the term with the book **Clockwork** by Phillip Pullman. This exciting and suspenseful fairy tale set in the 'old days' in Germany will be used to inspire your child's writing of setting descriptions, playscripts and instructions. Later this term, we will be reading the book **The Lady of Shalott**. This is a lyrical ballad about a woman who lives a life imprisoned by a curse. We will be writing various types of poems including kennings, limericks and narrative poems and writing diary entries in role. Your child will be encouraged to edit and adapt their work, developing their skills further in the craft of writing for a range of audiences and purposes.

Maths

In Maths we will continue to secure our understanding of decimals by solving problems involving numbers up to 3 decimal places. This will include adding and subtracting decimals within 1, adding and subtracting decimals with the same and different amounts of decimal places and then moving on to multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. We will also continue to develop our understanding of obtuse and acute angles and making comparisons with right angles. Opportunities will be provided for children to draw, measure and estimate angle sizes.

You can help your child at home by: Encouraging them to learn and remember all of their times table and division facts, out of sequence and ensuring that they complete their Maths homework. Maths homework will be given on Fridays and will need to be returned to school by the following Wednesday for marking.

P.E.

This half term we will be doing PE on Wednesdays and drumming and dance and P.E on Fridays. Please remember to equip your child with an appropriate kit:

white Gayhurst PE t-shirt , black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings, plimsolls or trainers.

Foundation Subjects

Our Science topic for this half term is Living Things and their Habitats. In Religious Education we will be learning about different religious beliefs in our community. In our Geography topic we will be studying UK Geography. In Design and Technology, we will be learning about construction . In computing we will be exploring the use of spreadsheets.

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