



Gayhurst Community School

Class Information for Parents / Carers

Date: March 2024

Teacher: **Lauren**

Class: **2L**

A message from your child's teacher:

Thank you everyone for such a successful term. The children have worked incredibly hard in all their learning, including Creativity Week and World Book Day, where the children enjoyed a workshop with the author Louie Stowell. They also had a fantastic trip to the School of Food. In Summer term we have STEM week, the TAG exhibition and our class assembly, so there is lots to look forward to! Thank you for your ongoing support and we wish you a restful spring break. With our warm wishes, Lauren and Julie.

In English: We will be developing our sentences. We will be learning to punctuate our sentences correctly using capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. We will be using commas for lists and using coordination (and, or, but) and subordination (when, if, that, or because). We will be reading a range of books this term. **Splash Anna. Hibiscus** is about a girl called Anna who lives in Africa. She goes to the beach with her family and all she wants to do is 'splash' in the waves, but will anyone join her? We will be writing a diary and character descriptions and asking questions based on this book. We will also be looking at **Who's afraid of the big bad book?** This is about a boy called Herb who falls into the book and meets characters from traditional tales. We will be writing our own character and setting descriptions. We will also be looking at **The Magic Finger** which is about a girl who uses her magic power to bring a stop to what she doesn't approve of. Please continue to read with your child daily. However, we ask that you DO NOT share these books with your child before next term as we would like the texts to be a surprise!

In Maths: We will be learning to consolidate our understanding of **place value** by recognising the place value of each digit in a 2-digit number and comparing and ordering numbers to 100. We will be learning about **Position and Direction** and describing position turns (quarter, half and three quarter turns) and movement (forwards, backwards, up and down) and creating and identifying patterns. We will also be **describing positions** of items and **describing turns** of right angles. We will be continuing our work on **adding and subtracting** two 2-digit numbers and understanding the inverse. We will also be applying our knowledge to real life contexts. We will also be looking at **multiplication and division** (related to the 2,5 and 10 times tables) and practising doubles up to 10 and then 100 using concrete objects and pictorial representations. When learning about **money**, we will be writing money as pounds and pence, finding the differences between amounts and calculating change.

In Science, Computing, RE and Geography:

Next term, in Science the children will be learning about **Growing Plants**. The children will be learning about the different types of seeds, how they germinate, how different seeds and bulbs grow and how seeds are dispersed. We will also be learning about **Animals including Humans**. Looking closely at what animals need, their lifecycles and the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Our topic in RE will be **Islam**. We will be finding out more about Eid, Ramadan and the Hajj. Our topic for DT will be **construction**. We will be looking at free standing structures and building our own free standing structure. Our topic in Geography will be all about **Geography in the UK**. In computing will learning to **code**.

In PE :

This term we will have P.E on a **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.**

School starts promptly at 9:00 am and ends at 3:30 pm. Please inform the school if your child is sick