



Gayhurst Community School

Class Information for Parents / Carers

Date: March 2024

Teacher: Marsha/Ella

Class: 3/4M Year 4

A message from your child's teacher:

Thank you everyone for such a successful term. The children have worked incredibly hard and have produced some outstanding pieces of work including wonderful displays during creativity week and great artwork for TAG. World Book Day was a day to remember where the children dressed up and enjoyed a workshop with the author Louie Stowell. They also had a fantastic trip to the School of Food and worked hard in their African Drumming and Dance to produce a brilliant final piece. Excitingly, next term we will begin Swimming for PE and have a trip to visit a church to support our learning in RE.

In English: In English we will be reading a range of books including *Hot Like Fire*, *Krindlekrax* and *One Plastic Bag*. We will be looking at the meanings and morals within stories and how we can include these concepts in our own lives. We will then use the structure of the stories to help us build our own stories. There will be opportunities for extended writing each week where we will practise planning, writing and editing our work to make improvements. You can help your child at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and by reading together and encouraging your child to discuss what has happened so far and what could happen next. However, We ask that you **DO NOT** share the books titles mentioned with your child before next term as we would like the text to be a surprise!

In Maths: In Maths we will be focusing on working with decimals, solving problems involving money and learning time including conversions and reading timetables. We will also practise methods that will help us to multiply and divide this term, again ensuring we can do this mentally as well as by using written methods. Fractions is another topic we will continue to revisit this term. We will recap on how to order, compare and find equivalent fractions. Towards the end of the term we will learn about statistics, where we shall analyse and interpret data. You can help your child at home by: practising telling the time together. You can also focus on practising multiplication facts including TTRockstars.

In Science, History, DT and RE:

Next term, in History the children will be learning about **The Romans**. The children will be learning about the Roman Empire, invasions, the Ivory Bangle Lady and Boudicca. In Science, we will be learning about **Living Things and their Habitats**, looking closely at vertebrates, invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles and mammals. Our topics in RE will be **Christianity** followed by **Buddhism**. We will visit a place of worship to further develop our understanding and will share more details of this visit nearer the time. Our topic for DT will be **Electrical Systems**. The children will design, make and evaluate an LED light adjusted lamp using a 'Crumble Kit'. Children will be taught how to work safely using tools, equipment, materials, components and techniques appropriate to the task.

In PE :

This term we will have P.E on a Tuesday and will go Swimming on a Thursday. **Please provide your child with a hair band if they have long hair and ensure they do not wear any jewellery. For swimming, your child will need a one piece swimsuit or trunks/shorts above the knee, a towel and a swim cap.**

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