



Gayhurst Community School

Class Information for Parents / Carer

Summer 2024

Teacher: Winnie

Class: 5/6W

Happy Easter Parents and Carers!

I hope you have a wonderful Easter break and goetsome well deserved rest. I was really pleased to be able to meet you all, last week for parents' evening, to discuss how your child has been doing in school. As we embark on your child's final term in year 5, I am very much looking forward to making the final few months enjoyable and memorable for each one of them. I am writing to inform you of the daily academic work we will be covering in class over the next two terms and not forgetting the delights of sports day, our summer BBQ and their transition into year 6, their final year of primary school.

English

In English, we will start the term with the book **Street Child** by Berlie Doherty. The book is set in Victorian London and is based on the true story of Jim Jarvis. Our writing around this novel will include character descriptions, diary writing, playscripts and writing formal and informal letters. Later in the term, we will be reading the book, **Pig Heart Boy**, by Malorie Blackman. The story is based on a 13 year old boy who needs a heart transplant and his family is approached by a pioneering doctor with a startling proposal. The children will be taking part in debates where they will be expected to justify their views as well being able to distinguish between statements of facts and opinions. Our grammar and punctuation work will include using commas to clarify meaning and brackets to indicate parenthesis. We will also be learning about adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility, modal verbs and using various devices to build cohesion in paragraphs.

Reading

Children are expected to read at home every night and discuss what they have read with an adult. It is essential that your child fully understands the text they are reading and become familiar with new vocabulary. Reading helps to develop their understanding of different stories, text types and helps to instil a love of reading. This is vital for children to progress across the whole curriculum.

Maths

In Maths next term we will consolidate our work on decimals. We will also be learning about shapes and their properties, this will include relating 3D shapes to their 2D nets and extending our understanding of angles. Later in the term, we will learn about position and direction, symmetry, co-ordinates and translation of shapes. We will end the term by converting units of measure and understanding the difference between capacity and volume .

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 each week. If your child needs help with their homework, please ask them to come and speak to me before Tuesday.

PE

This half term we will be doing P.E. lessons on Mondays and Drumming and Dance on Fridays. Please remember to equip your child with an appropriate kit:

A white Gayhurst PE t-shirt , Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings, Plimsolls or trainers.

Foundation Subjects

Our Science topics for this half term will be Living Things and their Habitat followed by Animals Including Humans. In Geography, our focus of study will be the Geography of the UK. In Design and Technology, we will be learning about Electrical Systems. In computing we will build on our knowledge of Coding. We will continue to teach Art, Spanish, Music and PSHCE on a weekly basis.

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