



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 get some 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 outcomes will include character descriptions, diary writing, playscripts and formal and informal letters. Towards the end of 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. 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, with a focus on identifying statements of facts and opinions. Our grammar work will include using key vocabulary; using sentence structures appropriate for formal speech and writing in the subjunctive form. We will also be exploring the perfect form of verbs. Semi-colons, colons and dashes will be the punctuation marks used to enhance our writing.

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, we will continue to revise and deepen our understanding of the four operations and general arithmetic such as fractions, decimals and percentages in tandem with our reasoning and problem solving questions. We will build our confidence in tackling more tricky reasoning problems in preparation for our SATS and then afterwards we will tune into our mathematician minds by completing interesting investigations.

You can help your child at home by: Ensuring that they complete their Maths homework, which they will be receiving weekly from their teacher on a Friday. If you wish to complete any additional SATS preparation,

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.