



Gayhurst Community School

Class Information for Parents / Carer

Summer 2024

Teacher: Sophie

Class: 5S

We have had a fantastic year so far in 5S, it has gone by so fast and now Spring is upon us! Summer term is always packed full of fun events: our summer BBQ, sports day not to mention our class assembly! The aim of this letter is to keep parents and carers up to date with the learning that the children will be doing in class over the coming weeks. Please continue to talk to your child about their learning and their daily experiences at school. I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming school events and want to say thank you for all your support throughout the year so far. I hope you all have a restful Easter holiday spending time with friends and family.

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 a 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 cohesions 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. A skill that 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 on 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 on Mondays and Thursdays . 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.