



Gisburn Road Community Primary School

Spring Term 2 – February to March 2025



WELCOME BACK ALBERTINE OWLETS!



Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. We hope that you all had a lovely break. We have another fun packed term planned ahead for our Albertine Owlets

As usual any photographs, information or home learning that you would like to share with us about your child can be emailed to me at albertineowlets@gisburnroad.com

Have a look on the Pre-school Webpage and Facebook too to see what we have been up to so far this year.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Prior, Mrs Dyson and Miss Mount.

What will we be learning this Term?



Our theme at pre-school this half term is 'Let's take a trip!'. The children will be playing with various types of transport from small world to our role-play garage. We will also explore the exciting ways that we travel on land, water and air, through the seven areas of learning, as outlined in more detail below.

Communication and Language- The children will be developing their communication skills by being encouraged to retell simple past events from their own experiences, in the correct order. We will model using 'Why' and 'How' questions with the children. Children will be expected to begin use more complex sentences to link their thoughts by using and, because.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/#3>

<http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/early-years/>

<https://www.sandbox-learning.com/Default.asp?Page=181>



Personal, Social and Emotional Development– Children will be encouraged to initiate conversations to form good relationships. We will use games during circle time and group activities to develop children’s confidence in telling other people what they want and need. Children will be able to say what they are interested in and give their opinions.

<https://family.co/blog/inspiration/10-early-years-circle-time-games/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/3-to-4-year-old-child-development>



Physical Development- We will experiment with moving in different ways and learning to how to adjust speeds and direction to avoid obstacles, to have more control when pushing, throwing and catching objects. We will look at eating healthy foods and begin to understand how exercise, sleep and hygiene contribute to good health. We will continue to practise writing recognisable letters to write our own names.

Advice on pencil control and useful physical activities below: -

<https://family.co/blog/the-child/parent-guide-physical-development-early-years/>

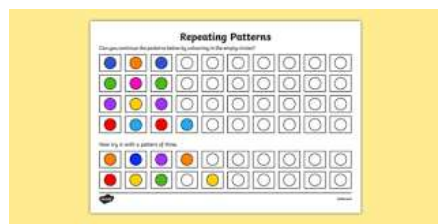
<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/fit-preschooler.html>



Mathematics – In Maths, the children will be using positional language to understand that ‘first’ refers to the start and that ‘last’ refers to the end within a story. They will start to understand the concept of additional as combining sets of objects. The children will be creating they own ABAB patterns and noticing and correcting errors in a repeating pattern.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/addition/addition-to-10>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?AgeGroup=1>



Literacy- This term we are going to base our learning on the book 'Naughty Bus's and explore the adventures that he goes on. We will heavily focus on reading this term, hearing and saying initial sounds in words. We will have fun with rhyming strings. The children will continue to have daily Phonics sessions focusing, linking sounds to letters and to know which letters represent them. Ideas online to help your child with their reading and writing development are listed here: -

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-2>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>



Understanding the World – This half term we will still be exploring the world of transport. We will be learning facts about the different modes of transport and research how we travel on land, air and water. We will investigate emergency vehicles and the people that help us. We will plan and map our own journeys and design our own tracks and roads. The children will design and make their own vehicles and experiment with different ramps. We will look at vehicles from the past and compare them to today.

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/transportation/399628>

<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/customCars/index.html>



Expressive Arts and Design – We will be creative within the Transport theme capturing experiences using a range of media such as music, dance and paint (choosing colours for a purpose). We will make models of different vehicles and roadways. The children will use their imaginations within our garage role-play area to be mechanics and customers.

<https://handsonaswegrow.com/activities-vehicles-cars-trucks-trains>



Dates to remember:

School re opens: Monday 24th February 2025

Shove Tuesday: Tuesday 4th March 2025

World Book Day: Thursday 6th March 2025

Odd Sock Day: 21st March 2025

Parents in school: For Mother's Day Friday 28th March 2025

Parents Evening 3.30PM till 6.00pm: Tuesday 1st April and Wednesday 2nd April 2025

School closes: for Easter half term Friday 4th April