



Gisburn Road Community Primary School

Autumn Term 2 – November to December 2024



AUTUMN 2 WITH THE POWERFUL OWLS



Welcome back to school! We have had a fantastic first half term, I am so impressed with how well the children have settled into the school year and how much they are learning and progressing every day. To keep up to date with what is going on in school and events we would like you to attend,



please visit our school Facebook page or follow the link below which takes you to our 'What's on' calendar.

<https://www.gisburnroad.com/CALENDAR>

Please feel free to pop in at any time to discuss your child's progress or just to say hello; it is always nice to catch up with parents and carers. You can also e-mail me via the cohort e-mail address of powerfulowls@gisburnroad.com which will be checked on a Monday. for any urgent / important information, please contact the school office on 812287 or catch us in the yard.

Mrs Martin & Mrs Wheeler

PSHE

During our first half term we will be learning:

- What character strengths are and how they make us unique and special
- About the 5 character strengths and what they mean: Love and kindness, bravery and honesty, exploring and learning, teamwork and friendship, love of life and our world.
- That the best way to learn more about your strengths is to notice them
- That our strengths are like superpowers and when we use them, it helps us to be our best and feel happy.
- That it is nice to tell other people when they use their strengths , as it makes them feel good.

English

In English this half term we will be reading Zog by Julia Donaldson. Year 1 will be exploring the text in order to write their own story based on Zog. The children will get the opportunity to show off their fantastic writing skills and use the story to enjoy role play too.

This half term, we will also be learning about The Great Fire of London. The children will gather information about the fire so they can write an information text. The children will have opportunities to explore the history of The Great Fire of London during continuous provision inside the classroom and with a special museum loan box with lots of exciting materials about the event.



Mathematics

The Mathematics units we are studying this half term are: Sequencing and sorting, Fractions, Capacity and Volume, Money and Time. Things that you could practise at home are: Counting in twos and fives, finding halves and quarters of shapes and objects, exploring more and less capacity, recognising and ordering the value of coins to 20p and practising the days of the week and months of the year.

Some useful resources are:

Ordering and Sequencing 5-7 (TopMarks)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/ordering-and-sequencing>

Money 5-7 (TopMarks)

➤ <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/money>

Science

This half term we will be exploring 'Seasonal Changes'. Year 1 will be learning about the 4 seasons, they will be able to identify how the weather changes through each season. The children will discover how day length and temperature varies depending on the season.

Some useful resources are:

What are the Seasons? (BBCBitesize) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkvv4wx/articles/z3kbydm>

Computing

- During this half term we will be learning about online safety, including using useful tips to stay safe when online; how to manage feelings and emotions when someone or something has upset us online; learning about the responsibility we have as online users; exploring the idea of a 'digital footprint'.



Religious Education

In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Christianity and the key question: Why is Jesus special to Christians? We will explore the Christmas nativity story and gain an understanding of why Jesus is believed to be a special baby. They will begin to think about why Christmas is a special religious time for Christians.

Art

This half term our focus is collage. The children will use colour, pattern and texture to create a collage of The Great Fire of London. They will use different materials, experiment with mixing colours, shading and use water colour paints to help them to create their collage.



Physical Education

Powerful Owls have P.E on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Tuesdays, we will be focusing on fundamental movement skills particularly our kicking skills. Kicking with accuracy and control. On Thursdays we will start our first gymnastics unit where we will learn rolls, jumps and different ways to travel before creating our own sequence.

History

In history we will be learning all about the Great Fire of London. We will gain lots of knowledge about how the fire started and the impact the fire had on our world today. The children will be able to compare London then and London now. This will be enhanced by our non-fiction writing in English. The children will have an opportunity to explore our topic further using a museum loan box supplied by the library.



THINGS TO REMEMBER

PE Days: Tuesday and Thursday.

Library: Thursday

Home Learning: Home learning will be sent home on a Friday and should be completed for the following Thursday. This will include an English task and a Maths task. Please feel free to send any of your child's creative learning that they would like to study more of at home to powerfulowls@gisburnroad.com.

Reading: Your child should read and discuss their reading book at least 3 x a week for at least 5-10 minutes. This will help them to improve their fluency and comprehension skills, which will also help them to improve their writing skills. Please ensure home reading records and books are in school daily as we do also try to read with pupils as often as we can.