



Gisburn Road Community Primary School

Spring Term 2

February – April 2025



SPRING 2 WITH POWERFUL OWLS



We hope that you had a lovely half term break and enjoyed lots of family time! We can't wait to get back to our learning in Year 1. You all worked so hard last half term and we know this will continue this half term too! To keep up to date with what is going on in school and any parent sessions 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>. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me via the cohort e-mail address of powerfulowls@gisburnroad.com which will be checked on a Monday afternoon.

For any urgent / important information, please contact the school office on 812287 or catch us in the yard.

Mrs Martin and Mrs Wheeler

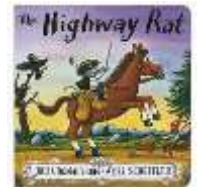
PSHE

In PSHE all about the importance of being able to relate to and get along with others in order to have positive relationships. We will be learning:

- That relate means to get along with others and understand another person, and that they can relate with family, friends, and teachers in different ways.
- How their Character Strengths help them get along with others and that it is ok that we are all different.
- What Active Listening is.
- What 'Stop, Understand and Consider' means and how this can help them with friendship issues.
- That Happy Breathing can help them if they have big emotions when falling out with friends.

English

In English this half term we will be writing our own poems based on a set theme with a free verse structure. Following our poetry lessons, we will focus on a narrative and non-fiction unit. These will be based around the text 'The Highway Rat'. We will write an information page all about rats and write an innovated story based on our text.



Mathematics

The mathematics units we are studying this half term are:

Measurement – Measuring and recording length and mass using standard units of measurement (grams/metres).
Addition and Subtraction – Adding and Subtracting 1-digit and 2-digit numbers and solving calculation problems.
Fractions – Recognising, finding, and naming halves and quarters.
Geometry – Describing whole and half turns and describing position and direction.
Time – Telling the time to the hour and half hour.

Science

In science we are learning more about seasonal changes. We will observe weather over time by tracking the weather daily on our weather chart, we will identify weather changes during different seasons and also become a weather reporter for the afternoon! We will use weather symbols, maps and our knowledge from our lessons to write and perform our own weather report.



Computing

In computing, we will be exploring Bee-Bots. We will create an explanatory video, explaining how to use bee-bots and move on to programming the bee-bots to reach an exact destination with our instructions.



Religious Education



Our unit this half term is Judaism. We will explore Jewish beliefs about God, with a focus on why Jewish people put their trust in God and how this might be expressed. We will also be thinking about our school values and how we have trust and honesty within our school.

Art

In art, we will be learning how to draw a self-portrait. We will explore different media, learn how to create thin and thick lines and how to shade, mix and smudge to create our very own self -portrait.

Physical Education

In our Tuesday PE sessions we will be developing our overarm throwing skills by developing our accuracy and using our skills in lots of new fun games. In our Thursday PE sessions we will be working on our gymnastics skills working on balancing, travelling and creating our own sequences.

Music

In music, we are learning to play the recorder. We are really excited for these lessons and can't wait to see what we can play by the end of the unit.

Phonics

We have been working our way through the Phase 5 phonemes this year and pupils are working really hard to learn all of the sounds and use these in their reading and writing – I am so impressed! All pupils have a reading book based on the phonemes that they have learnt and can remember. Reading with your child at home has a huge impact on their Phonics learning, which is an integral part of the Year 1 curriculum. Thank you to all who are reading frequently! I am asking children to read at least 3 times a week if possible; the progress pupils make in this area with your help is amazing.



History

In our History lessons, we are studying the lives of significant people from the past, with a focus on medicine. We will learn about the life and significance of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and compare them to a present-day nurse. We will use a range of sources to gather information and develop our ideas.



THINGS TO REMEMBER

PE Days: We will now be doing PE on Tuesday and Thursday. PE kits should stay in school all week.

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 to powerfulowls@gisburnroad.com.

Reading: Your child should read and discuss their reading book at least 3x a week for 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.