



Gisburn Road Community Primary School
Autumn Term 2 – 28th October to 20th December 2024



WELCOME BACK DUSKY OWLS!

We hope that you have had a great break and are ready for the run up to Christmas! We thoroughly enjoyed our first half term in Year 2 and all the pupils all worked so hard. We are super proud! We are looking forward to the next few weeks of learning, challenges and fun!

To keep up to date with what is going on in school, 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>. You will also receive letters with the details on too. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me via the cohort e-mail address of duskyowls@gisburnroad.com which will be checked each morning. For any urgent / important information, please contact the school office on 812287 or catch us in the yard. The rest of this newsletter will let you know what pupils will be learning about in Year 2 this half term.

Mrs Brown and Miss Waterworth

PSHE -

Here is what your child will be learning about this half term in our My Happy Mind sessions -

- What Character Strengths are and how they make us unique and special.
- About the 5 Character Strengths and what they mean:
 1. Love and Kindness
 2. Bravery and Honesty
 3. Exploring and Learning
 4. Teamwork and Friendship
 5. Love of Life and Our World
- That when we use our Character Strengths, we can be our very best selves.
- That we all have our own unique set of strengths and we are all different.
- What Neuroplasticity is and how we can grow our Character Strengths if we practise using them.
- About how to recognise the Character Strengths in themselves.
- How to think about which Character Strengths they would like to grow or use more of

English – In English this half term we will be listening to, reading and discussing Prince Cinders by Babette Cole as we develop our Traditional Tale writing skills. We will be identifying, analysing and discussing themes within the story and explaining the meaning of key vocabulary within the context of the text. The children will be making predictions, exploring characters' thoughts, feelings, actions and motives before writing our own traditional tale with a twist. Following this, we will be looking at instructions. We will examine the language, structure and presentation of instructions. We will also be analysing and evaluating how specific information is needed when writing instructions to prepare us for writing our own instructions for a new playground game. We will edit and improve our writing in relation to our audience and purpose.



Mathematics – The key aspects of maths that we will focus on this half term are:

- doubling and multiplication
- interpreting block graphs and tally charts
- finding halves and quarters when working on fractions
- measuring capacity and volume
- understanding the value of coins and tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past the hour and quarter to the hour.



Science – This half term we will be focusing on 'Healthy Humans'. We will build upon our learning from the school nurse who visited us last half term and investigate how germs can spread through sneezing. We will also explore how we can keep our bodies and minds healthy with our diet and exercise and we have a local personal trainer visiting our class to discuss the importance of regular exercise.

Computing – During this half term we will be learning all about online safety, including: what happens to information when it is posted online; how to keep things safe and private online; who we should ask before sharing things online; describing different ways to ask for, give, or deny permission online.



Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Christianity. Throughout the topic, children will be learning about Jesus and why Christians refer to Jesus as 'the light of the world'. The children will learn about how Christians use light in Christmas celebrations such as advent calendars, carol services and Christingle. We will also think about how light might bring comfort, hope and security.

DT – Our Design Technology unit this half term is linked to our Science unit and focusses on healthy eating. Pupils will explore different salad foods, before designing, creating and evaluating their own salad.



Physical Education- In PE, the children will be focusing on their net and wall and dance skills. In dance we will develop confidence, develop the ability to put together a short routine, develop basic skills which include twist, jump and turn and perform basic movements. In Net and Wall, we will work with a coach from Burnley FC in the Community to develop our catching and striking skills and demonstrating simple tactics in a game situation.



Geography - Our topic is 'Continents and Oceans'. Pupils will use a range of maps at different scales to name and locate the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans. We will explore each of them to recognise landmarks and identify basic human and physical features.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS:** Dusky Owls have P.E on Mondays and Fridays this half term. Please make sure PE kits are in school ready for our lessons and all kit has your child's name labelled/written in.
- **Reading:** Your child should be reading and discussing their reading book **at least 3x a week for 5-10 minutes**. This will help them to improve their fluency and comprehension skills. They do not need to read much, but we are specifically looking for fluent reading and therefore it may help to read the same page twice to encourage smooth, fluent reading the second time.



