



Gisburn Road Community Primary School Spring Term 1 January – February 2023



WELCOME BACK TO CONGO BAY OWLS



The children have all come back so calm and mature after a well-deserved two-week Christmas break – we certainly achieved a lot last term! We are looking forward to starting a new term with lots of learning and experiences taking place throughout. 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>. 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 congobayowls@gisburnroad.com which will be checked on a Wednesday. 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 Mrs Mitchell

PSHE -

Here is what your child will be learning about this half term-

- about being a part of different groups, and the role they play in these groups e.g. class, teams, faith groups
- about different rights and responsibilities that they have in school and the wider community
- about how a community can help people from different groups to feel included
- to recognise that they are all equal, and ways in which they are the same and different to others in their community
- the ways in which people can access the internet e.g. phones, tablets, computers
- to recognise the purpose and value of the internet in everyday life
- to recognise that some content on the internet is factual and some is for entertainment e.g. news, games, videos
- that information online might not always be true

English – We will spend the first few weeks of the half term reading a range of stories written by the same author – ‘Simon Bartram,’ paying particular attention to his story ‘A Right Royal Disaster’. We will begin by sequencing and discussing the main events and discussing the key vocabulary. We will make predictions and inferences about the characters and events based on evidence found in the story before then write our own section of the story using apostrophes for contracted forms, subordination for time and past tense. Towards the end of the half term, we will focus on non-chronological reports and use our new knowledge and skills to create a class information book on the theme of explorers and exploring for the school library (linked to our learning opportunities in history). For this, we will use subordination for reason and the present tense.



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

- Number and Place Value - Placing a 2-digit number on a number line and rounding
- Measurement – Solving problems involving mass and volume
- Addition and Subtraction – Adding and subtraction with exchange
- Money – Solving problems involving money
- Multiplication and Division – Understanding multiplication as repeated addition and understanding division using arrays



Science – This half term we will be focusing on Animals, including Humans. We will observe that animals including humans have offspring which grow into adults. To do this, please can you email or send in two photographs of each child, one from earlier in their life and a recent one by **Monday 30th January**. We will compare them and observe how we have grown over time. We will also find out and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival.

Computing – During this half term we will be learning ‘What is a computer?’. We will learn to recognise the parts and how they are controlled. We will explore different technologies and understand the role of computers in the world.





Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Hinduism. Throughout the topic, children will be learning about Hindus and studying their beliefs and how they worship.

Art – Our trip on Tuesday 17th January is based on our Art unit, studying the life and work of L.S Lowry. Please make sure I have received your reply slips by Friday 13th January to ensure all can attend. Throughout the unit, we will study his life and find out what made him so famous and experiment with different media and colour mixing.



Physical Education- In PE, the children will be focusing on developing skills and tactics to use in a game situation. They will focus on bouncing a ball with control moving on to passing and throwing at a target.



History- In History, we are studying the lives of significant people, focussing on Walter Raleigh and Christopher Columbus. We will compare these two explorers and find out how their lives compare with ours. We will learn the stories of their achievements and adventures through studying a range of sources.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS :** Congo Bay Owls have P.E on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Please make sure indoor PE kits are in school ready for our lessons and all kit has your child's name labelled/written in. Please ensure earrings are removed on PE days.
- **Reading:** Your child should still 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. This will also help them to improve their writing skills.

