



Gisburn Road Community Primary School Spring Term 1 – 6th January to 14th February 2025



WELCOME BACK TO DUSKY 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 which is updated with pictures regularly 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 every 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 -

Following our My Happy Mind curriculum, this half term's focus is on Appreciation. Here is what your child will be learning about this half term-

- We are learning what Gratitude means, how we can show gratitude and who we may be grateful for.
- We are learning about the importance of showing gratitude to ourselves and how Gratitude helps Team H-A-P.
- We are learning why it is important to be grateful for experiences.

English –

We will spend the first few weeks of the half term exploring 'Mudpuddle Farm: Six Animal Adventures' by Michael Morpurgo, to begin our unit on Stories with familiar settings. We will retell these stories, make predictions, give inferences and our own opinions, before then writing our own stories based on a farm using suffixes –ful or –less to create adjectives e.g. playful, careful, careless, hopeless. We will then explore persuasive texts and write our own persuasive leaflet about a farm including suffixes -er and -est to create adjectives e.g. faster, fastest, smaller, smallest.



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 27th 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 focussing on ‘Algorithms and De-bugging’. We will start by decomposing a game to predict the algorithms that are used, this will help us to understand that machine learning enables computers to make predictions. We will then write our own algorithms and understand the terms ‘abstraction’ and ‘de-bugging’.



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 – Year 2 will be visiting the Lowry Museum in Salford studying the life and work of L.S Lowry on Tuesday 11th February. You will receive a letter with more details on, please return the reply slips and payment as soon as possible to ensure all pupils can attend. Throughout our Lowry unit, we will study the life of L.S Lowry and find out what made him so famous. We will also experiment with different media and colour mixing to create our own artwork in his style.



Physical Education- In PE, we will be working with Coach Will from Burnley FC in the Community to learn striking and fielding skills on Fridays. We will also be developing Athletics skills on Tuesdays, including throwing underarm and overarm and completing obstacle courses.

Geography - In Geography, we will focus on Australia, in particular Melbourne, where we will find out facts about this contrasting place and explore the similarities and differences between there and where we live.



THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS** : Laughing Owls have P.E on Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings 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. Please ensure earrings are removed on PE days.
- **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. This will also help them to improve their writing skills. We try to read with pupils as much as possible so please ensure their reading book and reading record comes to school every day.

