



Gisburn Road Community Primary School
Summer Term 1
April – May 2024



WELCOME BACK LAUGHING OWLS

Welcome back to school after a two week break for Easter! We hope you had opportunity to spend some quality time together. As we enter our last full term of Year 2, we welcome the sunshine and warmer weather! This half term is exciting as we welcome Miss Jesson into our class on her final placement for her teaching PGCE.

She has spent the last few weeks in school getting to know the pupils and is now ready to begin teaching them with the support of Mrs Brown. Miss Jesson will be with us until June.



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 any 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 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 K Brown, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs S Brown

PSHE – Here is what your child will be learning about this half term:

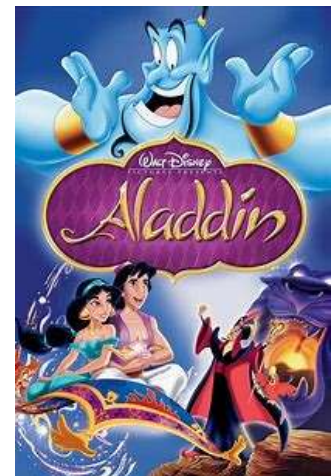
- To know why routines are so important and how sleep and rest are important for growth and keeping healthy.
- To understand the importance of routines such as brushing your teeth and visiting the dentist and how food and drink affect dental health.
- To know strategies on how to feel good, calm down or change your mood.
- To understand the human life cycle and the how our needs and bodies change as we grow.
- To understand how our responsibilities change as we grow



English – We will be reading the story of Aladdin over the next 6 weeks, giving pupils lots of opportunities to show what they are capable of, with a revision of skills we have learnt over the year so far. Throughout the unit we will work towards several writing outcomes, including:

- Setting description
- Diary entries in role
- Poetry
- Persuasive letter
- Persuasive poster
- Narrative – an additional chapter in the story

We will also be supporting our learning by watching clips of both the 1992 Aladdin film and the 2019 film. The 2019 version is a PG rating; if anyone has any concerns about us watching this in class, please let me know before Monday.



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

- Fractions – Focussing on finding, recognising and problem solving with quarters.
- Time – Telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes past on an analogue clock.
- Number and Place Value with Statistics – Partitioning, Using greater than and less than signs, Ordering.
- Addition and Subtraction – Addition and subtraction with exchange, using jottings and bar models
- Capacity and Volume – Reading scales and comparing measurements using greater than and less than signs
- Temperature – Understanding and comparing different temperatures
- Fractions – Recognise, name, and find one third of shapes, objects and quantities.



Science – Our unit this half term focusses on Living Things. We will be exploring things that are living, dead and never been alive. We are hoping for lots of nice weather as we will be taking our Science learning outside to search for living things, identifying them and their habitats. We will also learn about simple food chains and give some examples of these.

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 Christianity with a focus on the Church. They will explore the signs and symbols of Christianity and be able to describe the features of a church after visiting a local church in Barnoldswick.

Art – Our Art unit this half term is Collage, and our end outcome is to produce some beach themed collage art. We will develop our skills by using different materials and tools to create different effects after being inspired by a trip to the beach on **Thursday 9th May!** Look out for a letter detailing this exciting trip.



Physical Education- In PE, Year 2 are excited to have Burnley FC in the community teaching us on a Tuesday to help to develop our kicking skills. The second weekly session of PE will take place on a Monday and will focus on moving our bodies to music.



Geography - In Geography, we are studying daily and seasonal weather patterns in the UK. We will learn map symbols and geographical vocabulary when exploring weather and explain how weather can affect human activity.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS:** Laughing Owls have P.E on Monday afternoons and Tuesday mornings. Please make sure both indoor and outdoor PE kits are in school ready for our lessons and all kit has their 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 and help them to improve their writing skills.

