



Gisburn Road Community Primary School
Summer Term 2
7TH June – 22ND July 2024



WELCOME BACK TO LAUGHING OWLS

Welcome back to school after an extended half term break! As we enter our last weeks of Year 2, we are beginning to think about getting Year 3 ready – I can't believe how fast this year has gone! We have another 3 weeks with Miss Jesson in class, before she leaves Gisburn Road having completed her PGCE.

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 laughingowls@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, Miss Jesson, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Brown

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

- How to recognise risk and keep themselves safe in everyday situations and in familiar and unfamiliar environments.
- How to respond if there is an accident and someone is hurt and about whose job it is to keep us safe and how to get help in an emergency, including how to dial 999 and what to say.
- To identify and name the main parts of the body including external genitalia.
- About change as people grow up, including new opportunities and responsibilities.
- Preparing to move to a new class and setting goals for next year.



English – This half term we will be studying poetry, linked to our trip last month to the beach, focussing on choosing and using new vocabulary, suffixes and adjectives to create their very own poem with a seaside theme. We will then move on to writing our own story with a beach theme based on a book read together, using apostrophes and suffixes.

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

- Time, Position and Direction – Telling the time to 5 minutes and clockwise/anti-clockwise.
- Geometry – Identifying lines of symmetry, sorting 2D and 3D shapes and sequence these.
- Mental Addition and Subtraction – Learning and selecting appropriate mental operations and strategies.
- Multiplication and Division – Understanding multiplication and division and solving problems using these operations.

- Statistics and Calculation – Interpreting data and constructing pictograms.
- Measurement – Comparing length, height and mass and solving problems involving these measurements



Science – Our unit this half term focusses on Habitats. Pupils will be heading outdoors each week to explore different habitats and micro-habitats. They will discuss and learn how habitats are suited to certain living things and how habitats provide basic needs.

You will be invited into school to join us down at the allotment this half term. A letter will be sent out nearer the time with more details.

Computing – Our Computing unit teaches us all about programming. We will be exploring Scratch Jr, which is a programming and coding application. We will create animations using this software and using characters as buttons. Our learning will then develop on to following and creating an algorithm using code, using the three little pigs as a theme.



Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Judaism. They will be focussing on the importance of making time to spend with family and people who are special to them, linked to the Jewish Sabbath. They will be exploring Jewish beliefs and values and learning how Jewish people live in accordance with the Torah.

Art – This half term we will be developing our drawing and printing skills, exploring the work of artist Adrian Murchie. We will practise using a pencil with control to create patterns and different kinds of lines with a range of media. We will also learn how create printing blocks to build repeating patterns.



Physical Education- In PE, Year 2 will be taking part in an outdoor adventure unit. We will develop the skills of working as a team, navigating around the school grounds. We will also be completing end of key stage physical assessments by playing games, looking at throwing, running, kicking, catching, jumping, and hopping.



History - In History, 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:** Laughing Owls have P.E on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Please make sure outdoor 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 to improve their fluency and comprehension skills, and also help them to improve their writing skills.

