



Gisburn Road Community Primary School Spring 1 – 6th January- 14th February



WELCOME BACK LAUGHING OWLS

We hope that you had lovely a Christmas break and are ready to start the new year full of enthusiasm. I am excited to be joining the Gisburn Road family, taking over as the Year Three teacher. I am keen to begin our learning journey together and I am looking forward to seeing what we will achieve in 2025. 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 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 3 this half term.

Mrs Brown, Miss Brown and Mrs Brown.

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

- That we can forget to appreciate what is around us and that Happy Breathing can help us appreciate the little things we may forget.
- That the more they show gratitude, the easier it is - they can use Neuroplasticity.
- How to develop an Attitude of Gratitude What happens when we give gratitude and how the giver and receiver feel.
- That Dopamine gets released in their brain when they give gratitude and that this helps Team H-A-P work together.
- How Dopamine can especially help the Amygdala stay calm and that even the thought of gratitude can release Dopamine.
- How when they appreciate themselves and feel good about their strengths, they will use them even more.
- They can use Character Strengths to appreciate others too.

English – For our fiction topic in English we will be listening to, reading and discussing a range of Fables. We will be particularly focusing on 'Aesop's Fables, The Hare and the Tortoise' by Lou Kuenzler and Jill Newton. We will be identifying, analysing and discussing the key themes in fables and creating a criteria to enable us to compare a variety of fables. The children will be developing their comprehension skills and abilities by exploring character's thoughts, feelings, actions and motives. We will then be writing our own fable, based on the structure of the fables that we have read, to go in our own school library.

For our non-fiction topic, we shall be looking at discussions and will produce a discussion text, followed by a class debate. We will be focusing of different points of views and the structure and language used. One key discussion will be around the question 'Should we wear uniform at school?'



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

- Place Value, Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Fractions
- Division
- Volume, Capacity and Mass



Science – This half term we will be exploring light. This will include exploring how light is reflected, how shadows are formed and changed and recognising that light from the sun can be dangerous. This topic will be continued through to next half term too, which will give us lots of chance to complete experiments and make detailed observations.

History – This half term we will be learning all about The Romans. The Roman invasion of Britain was hugely significant in shaping the British nation. The learning within this theme focuses on the settlement in Britain by Romans, and the impact on British life and society that occurred as a result of this. We will also be exploring why the Roman Army was so successful and we will be borrowing boxes of artefacts to make our History learning hands on! We will be continue to learn about Romans in Spring 2.



Computing – During this half term we will be focusing on computing systems and networks, especially emailing. We will be sending emails with attachments and discussing how to be a responsible digital citizen by thinking about the content of what is sent. We will also look at cyberbullying; both how to recognise it and how to avoid being unkind online.

Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Christianity and the key question: What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? Key learning will include exploring why people decided to become a follower of Jesus, what a modern-day follower might look like and what we mean by 'charisma'.



DT – This half term we will be exploring Shell Structures using computer aided design. We will be learning about how shell structures are made and analysing nets. We will be using Word Documents to design our structures and create them using our designs. We will also be evaluating our designs and shell structures.

Physical Education- Laughing Owls have PE on a Mondays and Thursdays. On Monday, we will be focusing on Dance, and on Thursday we will be focusing on Striking and Fielding.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS:** We have P.E on Mondays and Thursdays 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.
- **Home Learning will be sent home on a Tuesday and should return to school the following Monday.**

