



# Gisburn Road Community Primary School



Summer Term 1: April - May 2024



## WELCOME BACK CONGOBAY OWLS



Welcome back to a new term of learning! Highlights this term will include making our own 'book trailers' in Computing, investigating plant growth in Science and swimming lessons.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me personally or email via the class email. Any photographs, information or home learning that you would like to share with us about your child can be emailed to me at [burrowing@gisburnroad.com](mailto:burrowing@gisburnroad.com)

Keep an eye on the Year 3 Webpage and Facebook too to see what fun activities and events are taking place.

*Miss White, Miss Waterworth and Miss Rishworth*

### PSHE

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

#### **Health and Wellbeing: Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing**

- Know that choices in daily life can affect health
- Identify healthy and unhealthy choices and things which influence these choices
- Know that habits can have positive and negative effects and can be maintained, changed or stopped
- Know what is meant by a healthy, balanced diet including what foods should be eaten regularly or just occasionally
- Know that regular exercise such as walking or cycling has positive benefits for their mental and physical health
- Know about the things that affect feelings both positively and negatively
- Know strategies to identify and talk about their feelings
- Know about some of the different ways people express feelings
- Recognise how feelings can change overtime and become more or less powerful



**English** – In English this half term we will be focusing on a novel as a theme, with our class text being 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. After exploring the key features, vivid character descriptions, we will then be writing our own innovated narrative base on the structure from the text.

Following this, we will focus on explanation texts. After reading a range of different texts and viewing oral explanations clips, we will focus on the structure of explanation texts and will plan and write our own explanation text using our scientific knowledge of seed dispersal.

**Mathematics** – The key aspects of maths that we will focus on this half term are: addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, 2-D and 3-D shape and decimal place value. Things that you could practice at home are: telling the time to the nearest minute (digital and analogue); addition and subtraction facts (number bonds) and multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

**Some useful resources are:**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/ordering-and-sequencing-numbers>

**Science** – This half term we will be learning about plants, including the functions of different part of a plant, plant growth and the process of pollination and seed dispersal. We will be undertaking multiple investigations to observe what happens to plants in different conditions (such as if they will grow in the fridge!) and using food colouring to help observe how water is transported!

**Some useful resources are:**

Plant by Dorling Kindersley

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/)

<http://gardening.afterschooltreats.com/>

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/home>

<https://www.thenakedscientists.com/>



**Computing** – This half term our new unit is 'Creating Media: Video Trailers'. We will be using Movie Marker on the iPads and working in groups to plan, create and evaluate our own book trailer. This will include looking at the purpose of trailers, creating storyboards, considering camera angles, importing videos and photos, adding text to videos, incorporating transitions and evaluating a range of trailers.

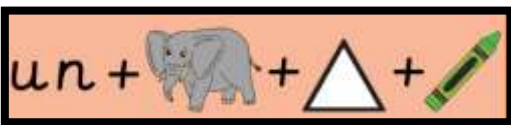
**Religious Education** – In R.E. we will be looking at the religion of Sikhism and the key question: Why are the Gurus important to Sikhs? Key learning will include focusing on our understanding of commitment, thinking about who inspires us, exploring the importance of Guru Nanak and the Guru Granth Sahib and reflecting on commitments in our own lives.



**Art and Design** – This half term our focus is drawing and painting. Key learning includes exploring colour mixing, including using primary and secondary colours and creating tints and shades of colours. We will be exploring art from the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and will try using some of their techniques to create our own masterpieces.

**Physical Education** – Congobay Owls have P.E. on Thursdays and will be doing a unit on net and wall games, focusing on throwing, catching and striking a ball using their hand or a bat. On Tuesdays Y3 will be swimming.

**Geography** – Our new Geography unit is focusing on the United Kingdom. In this unit, we will take a look at the geography of the UK - from the physical features of mountains, rivers and seas to the man-made administrative regions and counties. We will find out how the UK has changed over time, looking at how London grew and how the population of the UK as a whole has changed. We will be using a range of maps within this unit and focus on representations, including using standard symbols and focusing on why a key is needed.



**Modern Foreign Language (French)** – This half term we will be learning French adjectives of colour, size and shape. This leads onto exploring work by the French artist Matisse.

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER**

**PE Days:** We will be doing PE on Thursdays and swimming on Tuesdays. Where possible, PE will be outdoors and children need trainers and an outdoor kit (any tracksuit). PE kits should stay in school all week.

**Home Learning:** Home learning will be sent home on a Tuesday and should be completed for the following Monday. This will include weekly spellings and times table / number bond practice (this may be online).

**Reading:** Your child should read and discuss 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. Please ensure home reading records and books are in school daily. Reading books will be changed every:- Monday, Wednesday and Friday.