



Gisburn Road Community Primary School

Spring Term I – January to February 2024



WELCOME BACK TO BURROWING OWLS

We hope that you and your families are all well and that you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year. During this half term, we will be very busy in school and have planned some exciting learning tasks. We hope to catch up with our Parents in class this half term and will let you know a date as soon as possible.

Remember to keep up to date with our school Facebook page, Twitter and the class page on the website. If you would like to pass on any urgent information, I will be on the yard each evening but you can also contact the office on 812287; Mrs Barwell will pass on any important information.

Mrs Whittaker, Miss Pearson and Mr Wood

PSHE – This half term will be learning about this half term-Living in the wider world to include:

- the importance of having compassion towards others
- shared responsibilities we all have for caring for other people and living things
- how to show care and concern for others
- about the different groups that make up their community
- what living in a community means
- to value the different contributions that people and groups make to the community

English – In English this half term, we shall be studying the Wallace and Gromit programme ‘A Matter of loaf and death’ to focus on stories with issues and dilemmas. We will work towards writing our own story based on a model and structure. We will also be looking at persuasion and persuasive adverts. We will examine what makes a good advert and then write our own for the torches we have made.



Mathematics – During this half term, we will be focusing on several different areas of maths. We will be practising our times tables every day and this is something that you can really make a difference with, by practising at home. ☺ This half term, we will focus on learning our X7 and X12s. Our maths lessons will begin by focusing on place value, including the value of decimals. We will then work to develop our strategies to multiply and divide numbers. Our final unit is fractions and we will practise adding and subtracting fractions in these lessons.

Science – This half term we will be learning about sound. We will investigate how sounds are made and travel to our ears. We will also learn about pitch, volume, and the factors that affect these.



Computing – This half term the children will be developing their research, word processing, and collaborative working skills whilst learning how web pages and web sites are created, exploring how to change layouts, embed images and videos and link between pages

Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Sikhism with a focus on how Sikhs express their beliefs and values.



Art- Our art topic for this half term is different artists who use collage in their a collage based on looking after the planet.



collage. We will be looking at the work of several work, before developing our own ideas to produce

Geography- Our first geography topic of Year 4 will focus on mountains. We will be learning about how mountains are formed and investigate the location of mountains in the United Kingdom and the world. During this topic, we will begin to learn how to use 4 figure co-ordinates and map symbols.



Physical Education – During this half term, the children will have two PE lessons each week. One of our lessons is invasion games where children will develop skills in rugby. Our second lesson is gymnastics. During these lessons, we will practise making ‘matched’ and ‘mirrored’ shapes with a partner.

Music- Our music topic for this half term is ‘Beat’. Our lessons will develop our understanding and use of rhythm and syncopation. We will sing, play repeated patterns, listen to an orchestral piece of music and finally create our own descriptive music.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS : Burrowing** Owls will be swimming on Tuesdays and have P.E on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child has both their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school.
- **Home Learning:** Home learning is set on Fridays and should be handed in by the following Thursday. Each week, your child will have spellings to practise, times tables practice and reading homework.
- **Reading:** We love reading! It is still vital that your child reads every day in Year 4. We have established our reading challenge with children earning rewards based on how many times an adult at home has listened to them read and signed their reading diary. By reading regularly, your child will develop fluency and comprehension skills and will also help them to improve their writing skills. It would be great to encourage your child to read a selection of non fiction texts e.g. instructions, explanations, newspapers and magazine articles as well as fiction.

