



**Gisburn Road Community Primary School**  
**Autumn Term 2 – October to December 2024**



## WELCOME BACK

We hope that you and your families are all well and that you have had a relaxing break and are now ready for the run up to Christmas. We have had a good start to Year 4; the children have adapted well to our routines and shown lots of enthusiasm for our learning. They have so much knowledge about the Loch Ness monster and know all about different crimes and punishments- they have amazed me with their facts!

Remember to keep up to date with our school Facebook page 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, Mrs Holman, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Wilson

**PSHE** – We will be continuing our Happy Mind project and this half term our unit is called ‘Celebrate’. This is where we will learn all about our characters, different characters and celebrating who we are.

**English** – During this half term we will be studying the text Rumaysa based on famous fairy tales. We will look at what a good fairy tale needs and then do an in-depth study of different tales concentrating on Rumaysa. We will compare and contrast them and identify key vocabulary, characters and plot structure. We will then write our own based on our reading and analysing. During this unit we will also incorporate a poetry unit.



**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 X9 and XI 1s. Our maths lessons will begin by focusing on multiplication and division and we will be developing our mental and written strategies. We will then develop our knowledge of telling the time using analogue clocks and then learn how to use 24-hour time. Our final topic is 3D shape, where we will be investigating prisms and pyramids.

**Science** – This half term we will be learning about electricity. We will learn about common appliances that work using electricity and about the different types of electricity (mains and battery). We will then learn how to construct a simple electrical circuit and to name the components. We will investigate how to make a switch to open and close a circuit and predict what will happen if we include a switch in a circuit. This will lead us to test a range of materials to classify them as electrical conductors or insulators.



**Computing** – This half term we will be using ‘Scratch’ to create a simple script. We will understand how a scratch game works and focus on variables and how to change them.



**Religious Education** – In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion Christianity. We will be finding out about people in authority before we look at the structure and organisation of the Bible. We will learn about the Old and New testaments and look at the different types of writing within the different books in the Bible. Once we have an understanding of how the Bible is written, we will consider how Christians use it in their lives for guidance, support and inspiration.

**DT-**

Our DT work will focus on textiles. Firstly we will investigate a range of simple textile containers before we practise the skills of sewing using different kinds of stitching. We will also look at different ways to add decoration to fabric. Our practical lesson will help us to design our own bendy bag, before we make and test them out!

**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. We will be focusing on dance and gymnastics. In our gymnastics lessons, we will be developing our skills of travelling, rolling and balancing, before creating and demonstrating a sequence of moves. Our dance lessons will link to our science topic of electricity. We will practise different ways of moving both individually and with others. Our final outcome will be to create a dance with a partner based on the theme of ‘clean electricity’.

### THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS** : Congo Bay Owls have P.E on . Please ensure your child has both their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school for those days.
- **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 **essential** 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.** November is Non Fiction month- it would be great to encourage your child to read a selection of non fiction texts e.g. instructions, explanations, newspapers and magazine articles.

