



Gisburn Road Community Primary School
Spring Term 2- February to April 2025



WELCOME BACK TO BURROWING OWLS

Welcome back to school. We are now over half way through the year! We hope that you have had a lovely holiday. This half term will be another fun and busy one- we are looking forward to it. We will be inviting you into school for two exciting events – An Italian Experience and our production of Puss in Boots.



Remember to keep up to date with our school Facebook page.

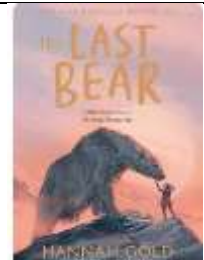


Mrs Whittaker and Mrs Holman

PSHE – This half term we will be focusing on the theme ‘**Relate**’.

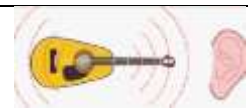
The children will learn the importance of being able to relate to and get along with others in order to have positive relationships. They will use Character Strengths to illustrate the need to be able to see other perspectives in order to build relationships. Through lots of examples and discussion, the children will learn that active listening skills will serve them well in relationship building. They will also develop ways to stop, understand and consider other people’s point of view to stop conflict and relate to each other.

English – This half term we will be looking at information texts culminating in a documentary written and presented by the children. The theme for this documentary will be climate change and the plight of the polar bears based also based around the story ‘The last Bear’. We will then study the first part of this text and write our own story openings.



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 the properties of 2D shapes, area, measures and statistics.

Science – This half term we will be continuing our learning about sound. We will learn about soundproofing and investigate different materials for soundproofing. We will also make predictions and carry out fair test investigations.



Computing - In computing this half term the children will recognise the role of HTML in a web page. They will add text between the heading and paragraph tags and replace text and images on a web page.

Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Christianity. We will learn about the story of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness and the Christian beliefs contained in the story.

DT- Our DT topic for this half term is ‘food’. We will investigate different pasta sauces before we develop our skills to chop and grate a range of vegetables. Finally, we will design our own pasta sauce, make and taste it!

Geography- Our geography work will focus on a region in Europe- Tuscany in Italy. In our lessons, we will look at the physical features of the region and learn about the tourism and settlements within the area. During this topic, we will develop our knowledge of places and our mapping skills.



Physical Education – During this half term, the children will continue to go swimming every Tuesday.

Outdoor and Adventurous – This half term Outdoor and Adventurous will link to our DT work. Activities will include planting seeds at the allotment and shopping for ingredients at the green grocers in town.



THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS** : Our swimming lessons are on Tuesday afternoons
- **Outdoor and Adventurous:** Children will need a warm, waterproof coat and sensible shoes/wellies on Wednesdays as they will be going outside to their learning.
- **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. Just 5 minutes a day on TT Rockstars can really help to develop times tables fluency and accuracy.
- **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.

