



Gisburn Road Community Primary School Summer Term 2 – June to July 2024



WELCOME BACK TO BURROWING OWLS

We hope that you and your families are all well and that you have had a lovely break over half term. We have just one half term left of this year and it promises to be a very busy, but fun one! The children have worked so hard in Year 4 and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved.



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; Miss Barwell will pass on any important information.

Mrs Whittaker, Mr Wood and Miss Prior

PSHE – Here is what your child will be learning about this half term – Growing and Changing

- physical and emotional changes in puberty
- body parts
- personal hygiene routines
- support with puberty

English – In English this half term we will be focusing playscripts, looking at the key features, performing them and writing our own. We will also be studying Macavity Mystery Cat. Looking at vocabulary, inferences about the characters, toolkits for performing poems, leading to writing and performing our own.



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Mathematics – During this half term, we will be focusing on several different areas of maths. We will be continuing to learn all of our times tables, ready for Year 5. We will also develop our understanding of fractions, 2D and 3D shapes and statistics.

Science – This half term we will be looking at living things and their habitats. We will investigate how living things are classified by scientists and look at the characteristics of different groups of plants and animals. We will use classification keys to identify plants and animal, which live in our local environment and then write our own keys. We will then learn about the feeding relationships of plants and animals, by interpreting and creating food chains.

Computing – This half term the children will be researching and storing data using spreadsheets, designing a weather station which gathers and records data and learning how weather forecasts are made. Children use tablets or digital cameras to present a weather forecast.

Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be looking at Christianity with a key focus on ‘What does love your neighbour really mean?’ During this unit, the class will explore the beliefs, teaching and values of the parables taught by Jesus. This will lead us to consider how we should behave towards others.

Art- Our work in art for this final half term will focus on drawing and painting. We will be looking at the work of several different artists who drew and painted landscapes including Monet, Seurat and Hokusai. In our lessons, we will practise a range of drawing and painting skills so that we can create our own river based landscape painting.

Geography- Our final geography topic of the year will be focus on rivers. Throughout this topic, we will be using geographical skills to investigate the location of rivers in the United Kingdom and the world. We will learn about how rivers are formed and the features of a river along its course.



Physical Education – In one of our weekly lessons, we will focus on outdoor and adventurous activities that allow us to develop our team work and co-operation skills. Our second lesson will develop our striking and fielding skills in the context of rounders.

Music- This half term our music will link to our Geography and the them of Rivers. They will be Learning to listen to changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics and relate it to something tangible and familiar. Linking to their geography learning, the pupils represent different stages of the river through vocal and percussive ostanatos, culminating in a final group performance.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS :** Burrowing Owls have P.E on Tuesday and Wednesday 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, a maths task and reading homework. Each half term, your child will also have a menu of tasks linked to our topics in school. It would be great if your child could complete at least one of these during the half term.
- **Reading:** Burrowing Owls love reading! It is still vital that your child reads every day. Many children have made great progress in our reading challenge, with a home learning free week proving very popular. Please continue to encourage your child to read reguarly. This will help them to improve their fluency and comprehension skills and will also help them to improve their writing skills.

