



Gisburn Road Community Primary School
Autumn Term 1- September to October 2024



Burrowing Owls - WELCOME TO YEAR 5

We hope that you have had a fantastic summer break and made lots of memories. We hope your child is ready for a new school year, in upper Key stage 2 now, full of exciting learning experiences including our residential trip to PGL!

This year, we are excited to be sharing the teaching of Year 5. Mrs Toor will teach Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; Mrs Holman will teach Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. We will be in constant communication with each other and have a handover each Wednesday afternoon so please be assured we will both be 'in the know' all of the time. Mr Wood will be full time teaching assistant and Mrs Mitchell will also be supporting on Monday and Tuesday mornings. We are very lucky to have an experienced team in Year 5 ☺

Remember to keep up to date with our school Facebook page and the class page on the website. You can send children's home learning via the cohort e-mail address of burrowingowls@gisburnroad.com. If you would like to pass on any urgent information, we 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 Toor, Mrs Holman, Mr Wood and Mrs Mitchell

PSHE –

Across school we have adopted the 'My Happy Mind' curriculum, which is an NHS-backed scheme focusing on creating a culture of positive mental well-being. It gives children the knowledge, skills and tools to thrive in the modern world.

The Autumn term focuses on:

- What our brain looks like and how it helps us make decisions
- The Amygdala, which causes Flight, Fight and Freeze
- Neuroplasticity - How our brain responds and works when we learn something new
- How Happy breathing techniques help to calm



English - In English this half term we will be focusing on the text 'The Lion, the Witch and the wardrobe' by C.S.Lewis. During the 'creating interest' part of the narrative unit, children will study evacuation during World War II. Before the 'gathering content' section of the narrative unit, children will have the opportunity to create nonchronological reports based around mythical creatures. After that, children will continue to gather content, plan and write an extended narrative based around The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. The mythical creatures created within the non-chronological report section of this publication will feature as central characters within the children's narrative stories

Mathematics – This half term we will be working on the place value of numbers up to 10,000 and up to 100,000 and numbers including decimals. We will be revising and extending our methods for addition and subtraction. We will know the names of different angles and begin to learn how to measure them. We are also going to be studying different measure in geometry and how to calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear shape



Science – This half term is all about materials and their properties. We will be identifying the properties the materials have and the purpose of those materials. We will think about the suitability of different materials for different jobs. We will look at thermal insulators and carry out investigations and experiments.

Computing – Online Safety. Learning about potential online dangers and how to access online communications safely. We will also be looking at search engines

Religious Education – The focus this half term is Christianity. We will focus on morals and stories that guide Christians through their life. Our focus question is - 'Why is it sometimes hard to make the right decision?'

DT- This half term is a D.T project on world food; focusing on the skills of bridge and claw cut and finer grating. The children will produce a dish following a recipe from different countries.



Geography - This half term we will be studying where foods come from around the world. With a specific focus into how our food gets to our plate, the climates it needs to grow, food miles and fair trade.



Physical Education – During this half term, the children will have PE on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. On Tuesdays, we will be learning Athletic Skills and on Wednesdays we will be developing our Gymnastic skills. **The children will need both indoor and outdoor PE kits, as we will be trying to get outside as much as possible.**

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS : Tuesday and Wednesday** this half term. Children will need both indoor and outdoor kits in school.
- **Home Learning:** Home learning is set on Fridays and should be handed in by the following Wednesday. 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 5. By reading regularly, your child will develop fluency and comprehension skills and improve their writing skills. It would be great if you could encourage your child to read a selection of non fiction texts e.g. instructions, explanations, newspapers and magazine articles as well as fiction.
- **Class Novel** – This half term we shall be sharing 'The StrangeWorlds Tevel Agency' by L.D. Lapinski.

