



Gisburn Road Community Primary School



Summer 1 April 2024- May 2024

WELCOME BACK SOOTY OWLS

Welcome back to the summer term! We are really looking forward to warmer days and lighter evenings. I can't believe how quickly the year is going. It was lovely to see so many of you at the recent parents in class and parents evening. We really appreciate your support.



We hope you have had a restful break and are ready for the last term of Year 5! We have got lots of exciting topics and learning activities planned. We have a great trip planned to Blackpool Zoo to enhance our learning about the climate and animals of the Rainforest.

Remember to keep up to date with our school Facebook page and the class page on the website.

Mrs Holman

PSHE -

This half term we will be focusing on being healthy and staying safe. We will look at healthy sleep habits, sun safety, medicines, vaccinations, immunisations and allergies. We will be thinking about our personal identity; recognising individuality and different qualities in people. We will also be continuing to think about and work on our mental wellbeing.



English -



In English, we will be reading an Amazon adventure story and working towards writing a chapter of our own. We will focus on the interactions between the characters and key events of the story. We will study the environment of the Amazon and how this has an impact on the adventure the children have. We will also be finding out about deforestation in the Amazon and the effects it has on people and wildlife.

We will be writing a speech and taking part in a debate around this theme.

In Guided Reading we will be studying *Kenzuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo.

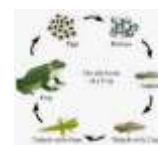


Mathematics -

This half term we will be focusing on place value, specifically on decimals. We will be revising fractions and how to calculate with them. We will continue to work on the four operations and the best methods and strategies for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. We will also be working on statistics with a specific focus on time. We are super lucky that Mrs Toor will be joining us for our Maths lessons, she can't wait to see how amazing you all are.

Science -

This half term we will be focusing on the lifecycles of different animals. The children will describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian an insect and a bird. We will also describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.



Computing -

This half term the children will create a pixel picture, explaining that a pixel is the smallest element of a digital image and that binary is used to code and transfer data.



Religious Education –

We will be studying the Christian Religion with a focus on The Church.



ART/DT-

This half term we will be learning the skills of sewing; learning particular stitches and then applying these to make our own stuffed toy based on the animals of the rainforest.



Music-

We will be studying the structure of music and through a unit about the Rainforest culminating in a performance which we hope to share with you.

Physical Education-

This half term the children will be taking part in Taekwondo lessons with Phil from TSX and developing their invasion skills in Hockey with Jordan from BFC.

Modern Foreign Languages –

This half term the children will be learning French numbers 1-31, the days of the week, months of the year, dates and seasons through maths and songs and class surveys; they will research of dates of French festivals and revise the unit by having a traditional French birthday celebration in the classroom.



Geography -

This half term we will be learning all about the Amazon Rainforest. We will start by looking where it is and building on our map work. We will then explore the layers of the Rainforest, the animals that live there and the climate of the Rainforest. We will get to know about the people who live there too and problems that they face.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS** : Year 5 have PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday this half term. Please ensure your child has both their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school for those days.
- **Home Learning**: This will be given out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday. We will focus on maths and spelling. All children now have a login for TT Rockstars, please encourage your child to spend time on this each week.
- **Reading**: Your child should read and discuss their reading book **at least 3x a week for 5-10 minutes**. This will help them to improve their fluency and comprehension skills. This will also help them to improve their writing skills.

