



## Gisburn Road Community Primary School Summer Term 1- April to May 2024



### WELCOME BACK TO PYGMY OWLS

Welcome back to school after a lovely two-week break! We hope that you've all had a great time whether you've been very busy or taken it easy. Here we are in our final term- we know that it is going to be a very busy time with lots of varying emotions as we move towards the end of the year.

Remember to keep up to date with our school Facebook page, Twitter and the class page on the website. You can send children's home learning via the cohort e-mail address of [pygmyowls@gisburnroad.com](mailto:pygmyowls@gisburnroad.com). I will respond to any emails on Mondays. 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 Bradley and Mrs Wood

**PSHE** –We follow the PSHE Association's scheme of work for PSHE. Our Governing Body have made the decision that Sex Education will be taught in Year 6. **This is a non- statutory part of the curriculum and parents can choose to 'opt out' of this section of the curriculum.** On our newsletters we will inform you what is coming up each half term so you are aware and Mrs Bradley will send a consent letter to parents at the appropriate time.

Here is what your child will be learning about this half term-Living in the wider world

- how companies encourage customers to buy things and why it is important to be a critical consumer
- how having or not having money can impact on a person's emotions, health and wellbeing
- about common risks associated with money, including debt, fraud and gambling
- about sharing things online, including rules and laws relating to this
- how to recognise what is appropriate to share online
- how to report inappropriate online content or contact

**English** – In English this half term, our work will be based on the classic poem 'The Lion and Albert'. Firstly, we will read and analyse the poem. We will then make inferences about the characters, providing evidence to support our thoughts. Watch out for our performance of the poem. Our reading will be used to inspire us to write a range of written outcomes, including diary entries, letters and a narrative.



**Mathematics** – During this half term, we will be focusing on several different areas of maths in the run up to our End of Key Stage 2 SATs. 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. 😊

**Science** – This half term we will be learning about electricity and build on our learning from Year 4. We will investigate how by changing the components in a circuit, changes occur. We will learn how to draw diagrams to represent our circuits using recognised symbols.



**Computing** – Our Computing topic for this half term will continue to look at Big Data. We will be learning about how data can be safely transferred and look at the difference between mobile and wireless data and how 'big data' is used to improve city life.

**Religious Education** – In R.E, the children will be focusing on the religion of Buddhism. Our key question is, What do we mean by a 'good' life?



**DT**- In our DT work, we will be applying the skills learned in science to design, make and evaluate a fairground ride. We will be working together in small groups to make a ride with moving parts and which is powered by electricity.

**Geography-** We will be studying the local area this half term. During this topic, we will focus on how land is used in Barnoldswick and the economic activity within the town. We will be using a range of maps to develop our mapping skills throughout our lessons.

**Physical Education –** During this half term, the children will have two PE lessons each week (Tuesdays and Thursdays). In our first unit, we will be looking at developing attacking and defending skills in a range of invasion games and we will also develop our understanding of good teamwork. Our second lesson is taekwando.

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER**

- **PE days :** Pygmy Owls have P.E on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** . 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 still vital that your child reads every day in Year 6. 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.
- **KS2 SATS** will be held from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May: GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling)**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Reading**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Arithmetic and Reasoning Paper 1**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Reasoning Paper 2**

