



Gisburn Road Community Primary School

Autumn Term 1 – Sept to Oct 2025



WELCOME ALBERTINE OWLETS!

Welcome Albertine Owlets to Pre-school 2024



Welcome to our Pre-school class,

We hope that you have had a super summer break and are ready for your first year here at Gisburn Road Preschool. We are all looking forward to the journey ahead of us with lots of exciting learning experiences taking place every day. Let us work together to make this a fun and safe term.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to us at the Pre-school door or email us via the class email. Any photographs, information, or home learning that you would like to share with us about your child can be emailed to me at albetineowlets@gisburnroad.com. Have a look on the Preschool Webpage and Facebook too to see what we fun activities take place.

Thank you, Miss Prior and Mrs Dyson

What will we be learning this Term?



Our theme at pre-school this first half term is going to be 'Magical Me' as we are starting our new Pre-school adventure together! This will involve lots of practical work and will develop lots of talking and listening skills along with many opportunities for learning in each of the seven areas of the EYFS. We are going to be learning literacy skills through reading the book 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. We will be completing many exciting activities all about the story both indoors and outdoors. We will be learning many counting rhymes and playing number games within Maths and children will be exploring numbers around the environment. The children will mainly learn through creative and hands on activities. The first few weeks will focus on settling the children in and becoming familiar with routines, rules and making new friends.

The seven areas of learning skills are outlined below in more detail: -

Communication and Language- Through games, rhymes and discussions children will be learning how to listen carefully in different contexts. They will be listening in small groups and whole class situations. They will be responding to with relevant comments of their own when listening to stories about families and homes. They will be encouraged to demonstrate an understanding of simple instructions in a range of

situations. <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/#3>



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Personal, Social and Emotional Development- The children will be expected to communicate their needs and to make choices within circle time and when exploring provision areas. They will learn how to

follow rules and boundaries and will be praised and rewarded when they do. Good behaviour will be modelled by the adults in the setting, encouraging children to interact in a positive, polite way. Children will learn to share equipment and to show concern for others.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/3-to-4-year-old-child-development>



Physical Development- The children will be responding to different types of music and rhymes. They will learn to have awareness of their own space and to move around safely. Children will be expected to go to the toilet independently and to wash their hands. Within PE lessons, children will develop their running and balancing skills. Through funky finger activities, dough disco and squiggle while you wiggle, we will strengthen your children's hands ready for writing. <http://family.co/blog/the-child/parent-guide-physical-development-early-years/>



Mathematics – The children will be taking part in singing finger rhymes with numbers. Children will be reciting numbers to and past 5. We will be learning to understand that counting is to find how many. We will be counting claps, jumps, hops etc. Children will explore numbers 1 to 5 and look at how they can be represented. We will sort a variety of objects by colour, size or shape.

[Learning to Count up to 15 with Teddy Numbers Interactive Maths Game \(topmarks.co.uk\)](http://topmarks.co.uk)

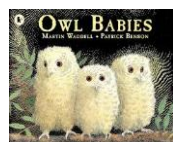
[Early Learning Resources EYFS, KS1 Counting Games \(earlylearninghq.org.uk\)](http://earlylearninghq.org.uk)



Literacy- This term we are going to base our learning 'The Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. We will also learn many pre-school rhymes, where children will be encouraged to join in, repeating words and phrases. The children will learn how to hold a book correctly and be able to differentiate between the text and the illustrations (words and pictures). The children will be encouraged to do lots of mark-making indoors and outdoors, where they will be shown appreciation for the writing they do. The children will also take part in daily phonics sessions.

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-1>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>



Understanding the World – This half term we will still be exploring the wonders of the human body. Children will be learning the names of their simple body parts and how we grow and change. We will be looking at our homes and where we live. We will talk about the members of our families and discuss how we are similar and different. The children will know when their birthday is and how we celebrate when we were born.



Expressive Arts and Design – The children will be creating different pictures /models of different houses and homes. We will be closely observing our faces and drawing self-portraits. The children will be using autumn objects to create collages and trees. We will be singing and dancing to many autumnal themed music. The children will be involved in role-play to encourage use of language and imagination. Our role-play will be a home this half-term, with a kitchen and babies to look after. [10](#)

[Cute and Creative Autumn Activities for Early Years - Littlelearnersonline](#)



Dates to remember:-

Tuesday 2nd September Start School

Friday 12th September- Start Harvest Festival Collection

Friday 26th September- Harvest Festival Assembly

Wednesday 24th September-Open Evening 4.30-6.30pm

Thursday 2nd October- National Poetry Day

Friday 24th October- Pre School Halloween Party 10.30am-11.30am

Friday 24th October- Break up for half term

Monday 3rd November- Back to School