



# Gisburn Road Community Primary School

## Spring Term 2 – February to March 2026



## WELCOME BACK ALBERTINE OWLETS!



Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. We hope that you all had a lovely break. We have another fun packed term planned ahead for our Albertine Owlets

As usual any photographs, information or home learning that you would like to share with us about your child can be emailed to me at [albertineowlets@gisburnroad.com](mailto:albertineowlets@gisburnroad.com)

Have a look on the Pre-school Webpage and Facebook too to see what we have been up to so far this year.

Thank you for your continued support,

*Miss Prior, and Mrs Dyson.*

### What will we be learning this Term?



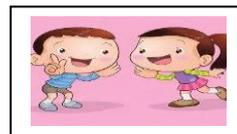
Our theme at pre-school this half term is 'Let's take a trip!'. The children will be playing with various types of transport from small world to our role-play garage. We will also explore the exciting ways that we travel on land, water and air, through the seven areas of learning, as outlined in more detail below.

**Communication and Language-** The children will be developing their communication skills by being encouraged to retell simple past events from their own experiences in the correct order. We will model using 'Why' and 'How' questions with the children. Children will be expected to begin to use more complex sentences to link their thoughts by using and, because.

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

<http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/early-years/>

<https://www.sandbox-learning.com/Default.asp?Page=181>



**Personal, Social and Emotional Development-** Children will be encouraged to use listening skills We will use games during circle time and group activities to develop children's confidence in listening and building good friendships.

[The Ultimate Guess the Sound Challenge for Kids - Volume 1 | 4K - YouTube](#)

[Listening Game - Guess The Sound | Help Children Improve Listening Skills and Improve Attention - YouTube](#)



**Physical Development-** We will experiment with moving in different ways and learning to how to adjust speeds and direction to avoid obstacles, to have more control when pushing, throwing and catching objects. We will look at eating healthy foods and begin to understand how exercise, sleep and hygiene contribute to good health. We will continue to practise writing recognisable letters to write our own names.

Advice on pencil control and useful physical activities below: -

<https://family.co/blog/the-child/parent-guide-physical-development-early-years/>

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/fit-preschooler.html>



**Mathematics –** In Maths, the children will be using positional language to describe where vehicles are. They will be using shapes to create different transport and they will begin to talk about shapes of everyday objects. Children will be representing numbers up to 5. They will also be finding one more/less than a number up to 5. We will be combining different amounts of objects to find totals.

<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/shiftingShapes/index.html>

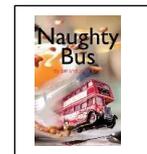
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/addition/addition-to-10>



**Literacy-** This term we are going to base our learning on the book 'Naughty Bus and explore the adventures that he goes on. We will heavily focus on reading this term, hearing and saying initial sounds in words. We will have fun with rhyming strings. The children will continue to have daily Phonics sessions focusing, linking sounds to letters and to know which letters represent them. Ideas online to help your child with their reading and writing development are listed here: -

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-2>

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



**Understanding the World –** This half term we will still be exploring the world of transport. We will be learning facts about the different modes of transport and research how we travel on land, air and water. We will investigate emergency vehicles and the people that help us. We will plan and map our own journeys and design our own tracks and roads. The children will design and make their own vehicles and experiment with different ramps. We will look at vehicles from the past and compare them to today.

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/transportation/399628>

<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/customCars/index.html>



**Expressive Arts and Design –** We will be looking at Pablo Picasso Art work. We will be using some of his ideas to create are own self portraits. We will be looking at primary colours and mixing colours together.

<https://handsonaswegrow.com/activities-vehicles-cars-trucks-trains>



Dates to remember:

School re opens: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

World Book Day: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Mother's Day- Parents in school: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm-3pm

Parent's evening: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm- 6pm

School closes for Easter: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

