



# Gisburn Road Community Primary School

## Spring Term 2 – February to March 2023



## WELCOME TO DUSKY OWLS



Welcome back after half term. I hope you all enjoyed the week off and you all managed to make some happy family memories. This half term we shall be learning all about 'The Farmyard Jamboree'.

Remember to keep up to date with our school FaceBook page and the class page on the website. You can also send any extra pieces of learning via the cohort email address of [duskyowls@gisburnroad.com](mailto:duskyowls@gisburnroad.com)

If you would like to pass on any urgent information, I will be around each morning and evening but you can also contact the office on 812287 and Mrs Barwell will pass on any important information.

Mrs Heaton and Mrs Brown

What will we be learning this Term?

Our theme in Reception this half term is going to be 'The Farmyard Jamboree'

This will involve lots of creative and practical activities and plenty of farmyard fun. Learning will continue to take place both indoors and outdoors and as always will be based upon very practical and hands-on activities. There will be many opportunities for learning in each of the seven areas of the EYFS, as outlined in more detail below. This will also include our trip to Thornton Hall Farm.



**Communication and Language-** The children will continue to develop their communication skills by speaking in sentences about first hand experiences, answering who, what and why questions, extending vocabulary and asking questions. Communication and Language happens all of the time whilst children are busy learning through play. We have many different activities set up both indoors and outdoors to help with this. This is something you can really develop by talking to your child all of the time through the different stages of the day. E.g. whilst coming to and from school, whilst getting ready for school or bed, whilst having tea. The Let's Talk letters on a Friday will help within this area too.

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

<https://www.teachearlyyears.com/learning-and-development/view/confident-communicators>



**Personal, Social and Emotional Development-** Within this area children will be learning about staying safe on the internet, communicating safely, talking about what they are good at and what they can develop further. We will also be revisiting people who help us and how they can help us and we shall be discussing what the children want to be when they grow up. Some other useful ideas on the website below:-

<http://www.ichild.co.uk/tags/browse/370/Personal-Social-Emotional-Development-3-5-Years>

<https://www.earlyyearsmatters.co.uk/our-services/school-and-nursery-improvement-partner/psed/>



**Physical Development-** During this half term we will be continuing to develop a range of skills within PE lessons: -Travelling with confidence and skill around, under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment. Showing increasing control over an object in pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it. We shall also be building upon the skills we started to develop in Autumn term too. Children will also be provided with more activities involving cutting with scissors to improve their control and we will also be continuing in holding our pencils correctly to form letters for writing words and sentences. It is very important the children form letters correctly as this will help them in Year 1 when they start to join their writing.

More practical ideas to improve your child's physical development below: -

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/home-early-years/early-years-physical-development>

<https://www.earlyyearsmatters.co.uk/our-services/school-and-nursery-support/early-years-adviser/physical-development/>



**Mathematics** – In Maths the children will be revisiting addition and subtraction practically using part-part whole along with recording by making marks on paper and writing their own working outs along with written number sentences. The children will also continue to learn facts about making 5 using number bonds. The children will also be looking at making patterns using colours and shapes. Making 2D and 3D models and finding shapes in the environment. More ideas can be found here:-

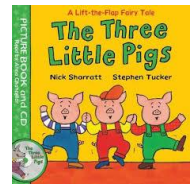
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/topics/numeracy>  
<https://nrich.maths.org/early-years>



**Literacy**- We will be learning literacy skills through reading the books 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'The Three Super Pigs'. We will develop the skill of joining in with stories through Talk for Writing techniques, where children use actions when verbally retelling the stories. Once the children are familiar with them, we then innovate (change) the stories too. Children will be provided with many opportunities to write and draw along with reading too. We will be really focusing on the children being able in writing sentences independently and being able to read what they have written back to us or someone else. During phonics, we will be continuing to learn the rest of the Phase 3 sounds. During Guided reading I will be listening for the children reading sentences aloud independently too. Ideas online to help your child with their reading and writing development

are listed here: -

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/3-5-years>  
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>



**Understanding the World** – This half term we will be exploring creatures under the sea, floating, and sinking, map skills and different materials. We will also continue with the celebrations that take place during this half term such as Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Mother's Day. We will be asking questions about the natural world, looking at farm animals and their babies and produce farm animals make. We will also be discussing similarities and differences between our town and the countryside.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/topics>



**Expressive Arts and Design** – This half term the children will be making a range of different crafting items throughout the term. This will include drawing farm animals, painting farm animals and crafting farm animals using clay or plastercine. The children will also be developing their knowledge of making paint colours lighter and darker along with using collage materials in making 2D and 3D backgrounds. The children will also be pretending in the role-play and small world areas and they will be working together in making up their own stories including 'The Three Little Pigs' and other farm animal stories.



### **THINGS TO REMEMBER**

- **PE DAYS** : Reception have P.E each week. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school for those days. **(Please ensure names are still in all pieces of clothing)**
- **Welly Wednesday** will continue to be every Wednesday. Please ensure you send your child with appropriate waterproofs and wellies for this day. We only have a couple of spares in school. Please use a small bag/carrier bag so the children can hang them on their pegs. Thank you.
- **Home Learning**: This will continue to be a mixture of phonics, letter formation, tricky words or number work for the children to complete as independently as possible.
- **Reading**: Your child will be given a book to read with you twice each week or when we feel they need a new one. The children should now be able to sound these out and blend them together in order for them to read the words independently. Children are now working on reading simple sentences independently. We will also visit the school Library on a Thursday so please bring the library book on a Thursday.

Many thanks for your kindness we really appreciate your support!