



Gisburn Road CP School

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Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter—Autumn 2

Madagascar Red Owls with Miss Tyson and Mrs Mitchell!

After a great start to Year 4, and some fantastic work produced focused on 'Water, Water Everywhere', we are looking forward to continuing our learning. To keep up to date with what is going on in school and events we would like you to attend, please follow the link below. This takes you to our 'What's on' calendar.

<https://www.gisburnroad.com/CALENDAR>

Please feel free to pop in at any time to discuss your child's progress or just to say hello; it is always nice to catch up with parents and carers. Don't forget to keep up-to-date with our school Facebook page and website.

Miss Tyson and Mrs Mitchell



What will we be learning this Term?

Our learning topic is 'Sparks Might Fly' and is centred around Electricity and Design Technology. Our learning will be extended by using equipment and electrical components to make and debug simple circuits. We will also be developing our Computing skills, using 'Scratch' to design and programme a digital electrical circuit.



In English we will focus on explanations, stories with a fantasy setting and poetry. In Mathematics our topics include mental and written multiplication and division, measure and statistics. We will also be focusing on recall of the 6 and 11 times tables.

Dates

Tuesday 12th November:

Parents' Evening (3:45pm - 6:30pm).

Wednesday 13th November:

Parents' Evening (3:45pm - 5:00pm).

Friday 15th November:

Children in Need Day.

Friday 29th November:

Non-uniform day. Christmas Fayre.

Friday 20th December:

School closes for Christmas.

Tuesday 7th January:

School re-opens.

PE

Our new PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure PE kits are in school daily.

Home learning

Creative homework tasks are set each half term and can be completed in any order. Weekly spellings and maths activities will be set on a Thursday, due in for the following Wednesday. Creative home learning can be emailed to us at:

madagascanredowls@gisburnroad.com

Home reading

We encourage children to read as often as they can and recorded in home reading records. Please ensure letters are regularly removed from school bags and home reading records and books are in school daily.

Home routine

At the end of the day, 3:20pm, please collect Year 4 children from the **Lower Yard**.



What will Year 4 be doing over 2019-2020?

Below is a brief overview of the curriculum which Year 4 will be completing over the year.

Autumn 1st Half Term

Water, Water Everywhere

Science and Geography are the key leads in this topic, as we will focus on states of matter, alongside key aspects of rivers. This will also link to our History learning of Ancient Egypt, including the River Nile. This topic will be enhanced by working with the River Ribble Trust and a theatre trip.



Autumn 2nd Half Term

Sparks Might Fly



This theme is centred on Electricity and Design Technology. Our learning will be extended by using equipment and electrical components to make and debug simple circuits. We will also focus on Music, exploring, choosing, combining and organising musical ideas using or representing an electronic sound source.

Spring 1st Half Term

Passport to Europe

A Geography based theme in which we will explore contrasting regions within Europe. This will lead to a Design Technology focus, where we will be focusing on products for travellers. Listening to music from different cultures will also extend our learning within this theme, alongside our Year 3 and Year 4 production.



Spring 2nd Half Term

The Art of Food



A half term focused on Science and exploring the teeth and digestive system. This will be supported by practical activities in the classroom to model scientific processes. The topic will also be partnered with an Art and Design focus, including drawing and painting still life into sculpture.

Summer 1st Half Term

Hunted

A scientifically focused theme on habitats, including the grouping and classification of plants and animals. Design Technology will be a key element of this topic, focusing on food technology: simple savoury food and cooking techniques.



Summer 2nd Half Term

The Great Plague



A historical understanding of this time in 1665 will be developed, alongside Geography knowledge focused on rubbish and recycling. Art and Design will also be a key theme, where drawing will be developed into printmaking and using techniques involving rotating and translating images.