



Gisburn Road CP School

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Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter—Spring 1

Madagascar Red Owls with Miss Tyson and Mrs Mitchell!

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break and are ready for an exciting term of challenge and learning! We have lots to look forward to this term, including our Year 3 and Year 4 Musical! 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 'Passport to Europe' and is centred around Geography and Design Technology. We will be focusing on Bavaria, Germany and designing and making our own passport holders. If there are any friends / family who are German experts and would like to help within our learning, please let us know! Our Scientific learning will also continue as we develop our understanding of sound.

In English we will focus on non-chronological reports and films and play scripts. In Mathematics, our topics include negative numbers, fractions and decimals, position and direction, and area. We will also be continuing learning times tables, consolidating 9x and 7x.

Dates

Tuesday 11th February:

Y3/4 Musical (afternoon)

Wednesday 12th February:

Y3/4 Musical (evening)

Friday 14th February:

School Closes for half term

Monday 24th February:

School re-opens after half term

Friday 6th March:

World Book Day – Fancy Dress

Friday 13th March:

Sports Relief Day

Friday 3rd April:

School Closes for Easter

Tuesday 21st April:

School re-opens after Easter

PE

Our 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:

madagascarredowls@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 2018-2019?

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

Autumn 1st 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.



Autumn 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 an educational visit to Eureka for a focused workshop. The topic will also be partnered with an Art and Design focus, including drawing and painting still life into sculpture.

Spring 1st 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 2nd 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.

Summer 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 an educational visit, with a range of foci from the topic.



Summer 2nd 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.