



Gisburn Road CP School

Together we...Dream it! Believe it! Achieve it!



Reception Curriculum Newsletter—Spring Term

Welcome to Burrowing Owls Class

We hope that you had a brilliant Christmas break and are ready for your second term back. We are all looking forward to the new term with lots more engaging and exciting learning experiences to take place everyday including one of my favourite topics. Pirates! Let's work together to make this another good term!
Mrs Heaton and Mrs Wheeler



What will we be learning this Term?

Our themes this half term are 'Yo Ho Ho a Pirates Life for Me' and 'The Farmyard Jamboree'. These 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 will be working within the 40-60+ month bands and the Early Learning Goals. Our Literacy themes and stories will include "We're going on a treasure hunt' and other Pirate stories, along with 'The Three Little Pigs' and many more farm related stories. We will be learning the stories and using actions to retell each of them so why not ask your child to retell them to you. In our Numeracy work we will be continuing our learning all about numbers especially all the numbers up to 10 and how we can make 10 in different ways, along with building up and expanding our vocabulary within this area looking at patterns, estimating, sorting and number sentences.

Dates

Friday 14th February

School closes for half term
Holiday

Monday 24th February

School re-opens

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day. Children to come dressed as a book character

Friday 13th March

Sport Relief Day

Monday 30th March/ Tuesday 31st March

Parents Evening

Friday 3rd April

School closes for Easter

Home Learning in Reception

A grid of homework tasks will be set each term. The tasks can be completed in any order. Each task will focus on a different area of the curriculum.

Home Reading

Please read with your child every night for at least 5-10 minutes; Let your child read to you, you read to your child or even read a page each!

Physical Development-PE

We will be doing PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays but would like PE kit in each day as we may complete other PE activities during the week. Please ensure your child's name is in all pieces of clothing as we are still having lots with no names in.

What will Reception be learning over 2015-2016?

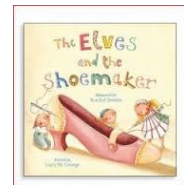
Below is a brief overview of the curriculum which Reception will be completing over the year.

Autumn 1st Half Term Once upon a time



A half term looking at 'Goldilocks and the three Bears' and then 'Goldilocks and the three Dinosaurs'. We will be having a close look at all the different types of dinosaurs and finding out many facts about them. There will also be lots of exciting things taking place in the classroom as well.

Autumn 2nd Half Term Twit-Twoo Sleeping with the Stars



Based around the 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark' and 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' stories we shall be designing our own clothes and we shall have a clothes and shoe shop in our role play area. We shall also be looking at habitats of animals. This will then lead nicely up to Christmas in which we will do a joint nativity with nursery.

Spring 1st Half Term Ship Wrecked



This half term we shall be looking at the stories 'Winnie Under the Sea' and 'Sharing a Shell'. We will be learning all about under the sea and creatures in which may be found here. In class we shall have an under the sea role play area.

Spring 2nd Half Term We're going on a journey



This half term we shall be looking at the stories 'We're going on a treasure hunt' and 'Pirates Love Underpants'. We will be learning all about pirates, maps and islands. We will be going on our own treasure hunt and using our map skills to help us find treasure.

Summer 1st Half Term Looks Who's Hiding

An amazing discovery will happen this half term. I wonder what it shall be, you will have to wait and see. We will also be focusing on growing and different types of vegetables. We shall be experimenting with them and seeing what we can do with them other than eating and cooking with them.



Summer 2nd Half Term Muddy Puddles

For our final half term we will be learning all about the farm. We will be hopefully visiting a local farm to find out all about the different animals and the day to day life there. We will have a bakery in our role play area and shall be making bread in school so feel free to do some baking at home as well.

