Gisburn Road Community Primary School
Autumn Term 2
2nd November – 18th December

Welcome back
Sandy Owl

We hope you all had a lovely half term break with your families. This half term promises to be a very exciting and busy one for the children as we begin to prepare for Christmas. During this half term, in addition to building on more formal learning tasks, we will continue to provide opportunities for learning through quality continuous provision. We are really looking forward to many more exciting activities and enhancements and we hope the children are too!

To keep up to date with what is going on in school, please visit our school Facebook page, or follow the link below which takes you to our 'What's on' calendar https://www.gisburnroad.com/CALENDAR. You will also receive letters or texts with the details on too. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to telephone school on 812287., send an email to the class email address (sandyowls@gisburnroad.com) or catch me on the playground to make an appointment.

The rest of this newsletter will outline the Year 1 curriculum for the rest of the Autumn term.

Mrs Brown, Mrs Wheeler and the Year 1 team.

PSHE

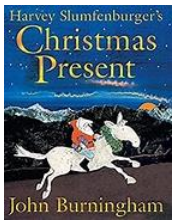


As the nights draw in, the children will be learning how to keep themselves safe using the 'be bright, be seen' campaign and how to keep themselves safe around fireworks.

In addition, the children will continue to follow the 'My Happy Mind' scheme. This half term the children, will learn about character strengths and how they make us unique and special. We will be exploring the 5 character strengths including: love and kindness, bravery and honesty, exploring and learning, teamwork and friendship, love of Life and Our World.



English



Our first unit in English, this half term, is poems on a theme. We will be reading a range of poems with the theme of fireworks. The children will learn to read and write words with the suffix -ed and continue to join words using the conjunction 'and' to join words. Later in the half term, the children will be writing information texts about The Great Fire of London and finally will be writing a short narrative based on the story with a repeated pattern Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas present. During our handwriting lessons, we will be continuing to learn to form lower case letters and their corresponding capital letters.. We have now begun Phase 5 in phonics and are continuing to follow the Lancashire's Red Rose phonics scheme. The children have started to learn new graphemes for phonemes and we will continue to revisit these new graphemes throughout the year. This week has seen the introduction of split diagraphs.

Mathematics

The mathematics units we are studying this half term are:

- Sequencing and sorting – counting in fives, counting in twos, odd and even numbers, recognise and create repeated patterns of number or shapes, sort shapes and numbers to a given criterion.
- Fractions – explore parts and wholes, finding fractions of 2D shapes, recognise and name one half and one quarter of a shape or object,
- Capacity and Volume – compare and describe a capacity or volume by using a range of language, measure and record capacity and volume using non-uniform stand units (cups).
- Money – recognise coins by colour, shape and size, order coins by value, represent an amount using coins, add two prices together.
- Time – days of the week and months of the year, compare the duration of two events, measure and compare time using seconds.

Science



This half term, as we enter winter, we will be continuing to explore seasonal changes and observing the weather. We will notice how the trees and weather continues to change and will be going on our own seasonal hunt to Valley Gardens, where we will observe how nature changes during different seasons. We will also observe the changes to the amount of daylight as the days become shorter and the night become longer.

Music

This half term, the children will be taught music. They will be exploring keeping a pulse together through music and movement. They will Sway or tap in time to the pulse, sing a rhythm in time with the pulse and copy rhythms based on word patterns using an instrument.

Religious Education



Our unit this half term is Christianity, linked to Jesus. The Children will begin by exploring how we look after babies and that all babies are special. They will learn the nativity story and will understand why Christians believe that Jesus is a special baby. We will look at religious traditions including the sending of Christmas cards and advent calendars as well as the meaning behind the giving and receiving of gifts.

Art

In Art, the children will be focusing on collage and will be making our own Great Fire of London collage. We will use a variety of collage techniques such as folding, scrunching and layering paper. We will also be specifically choosing colours to match our ideas and explore how we can create different dimensions and scales.



History

In History, we will be learning about the significant event of The Great Fire of London. The children will be learning where people and events fit in chronological framework. They will learn to recognize the distinction between past and present sorting clothing, transport, building and people into past and present. After learning the story of The Great Fire of London, they will order significant events and investigate why the fire spread so quickly. They will look at a range of primary sources including extracts from Samuel Pepys diary to help them answer questions about the past. Finally, they will look at how life changed after The Great Fire.

Physical Education

This half term the children will be developing their gymnastics skills. They will be learning to travel, jump and roll in a range of ways. The children will then use their skills to create their own simple routines. In addition, the children will continue to develop their fundamental motor skills focusing on the skill of kicking. Please make sure that pupils have a labelled PE kit in school including pumps/black trainers, shorts, t-shirt and a jacket.

KEY DATES

- **Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th- Parents Evening**
- **Friday 20th November - Children in Need Day**
- **Tuesday 1st December- Christmas Markets 3:30-5:30.**
- **Wednesday 9th December- Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Singalong 2pm.**
- **Thursday 10th December- Christmas Jumper Day**
- **Friday 18th December- Close for Christmas at 1:30pm.**

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Names: We have had a lot of lost cardigans and jumpers**. Please ensure your child's name is on the jumpers/cardigans** so we can hand them back to their owners and they don't get lost.

PE Days: PE will continue to take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Home Learning: Home learning will be sent home on a Friday to be completed for the following Friday. Home learning will consist of 1 piece of set homework linking to the curriculum, spelling practise and reading. Please feel free to send any of your child's creative learning to sandyowls@gisburnroad.com.

Reading: Your child should read and discuss their reading book at least 3 x a week for at least 5-10 minutes. This will help them to improve their fluency and comprehension skills Please ensure home reading records and books are in school daily as we do also try to read with pupils as often as we can.