



Gisburn Road Community Primary School

Autumn Term 2 – November to December 2023



AUTUMN 2 WITH THE DUSKY OWLS



Welcome back to school! We have had a fantastic first half term, I am so impressed with how well the children have all settled into the school year and how much they are learning and progressing every day. To keep up to date with what is going on in school and events we would like you to attend, 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>

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. You can also e-mail me via the cohort e-mail address of duskyowls@gisburnroad.com which will be checked on a Monday. For any urgent / important information, please contact the school office on 812287 or catch us in the yard.

Mrs Martin & Mrs Wheeler

PSHE -

Here is what your child will be learning about this half term-

- how to recognise hurtful behaviour, including online
- what to do and whom to tell if they see or experience hurtful behaviour, including online
- about the difference between happy surprises and secrets that make them feel uncomfortable or worried, and how to get help
- how to resist pressure to do something that feels uncomfortable or unsafe
- how to ask for help if they feel unsafe or worried and what vocabulary to use

English – In English this half term we will be reading *Zog* by Julia Donaldson. Year 1 will be exploring the text in order to write their own story based on *Zog*. The children will get the opportunity to show off their fantastic writing skills and use the story to enjoy role play too.

This half term, we will also be learning about The Great Fire of London. The children will gather information about the fire so they can write an information text. The children will have opportunities to explore the history of The Great Fire of London during continuous provision inside the classroom and with a special museum loan box with lots of exciting materials about the event.



Mathematics – The Mathematics units we are studying this half term are: Sequencing and sorting, Fractions, Capacity and Volume, Money and Time. Things that you could practise at home are: Counting in twos and fives, finding halves and quarters of shapes and objects, exploring more and less capacity, recognising and ordering the value of coins to 20p and practising the days of the week and months of the year.

Some useful resources are:

Ordering and Sequencing 5-7 (TopMarks)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/ordering-and-sequencing>

Money 5-7 (TopMarks)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/money>

Science – This half term we will be exploring 'Seasonal Changes'. Year 1 will be learning about the 4 seasons, they will be able to identify how the weather changes through each season. The children will discover how day length and temperature varies depending on the season.



Some useful resources are:

What are the Seasons? (BBCBitesize)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkvv4wx/articles/z3kbydm>

Computing – During this half term we will be learning about ‘Online Safety’. We will be learning how to use the internet safely, being kind online and posting and sharing online. We will discuss what the internet is and how it can be used and recognise how to be kind and considerate online.



Some useful resources are:

What is the Internet? (BBCBitesize)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zymykgq/articles/zym3b9g>



Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Christianity and the key question: Why is Jesus special to Christians? We will explore the Christmas nativity story and gain an understanding of why Christians believe Jesus is be a special baby. They will begin to think about why Christmas is a special religious time for Christians.

Art – This half term our focus is collage. The children will be creating art on different scales with lots of materials. We will arrange and glue different materials to backgrounds we have created using watercolour paints and complete a piece of artwork of ‘The Great Fire of London’. The children will create different shades for the background using watercolour paints and use techniques such as tearing, overlapping, folding and crumpling to add materials to their background.



Physical Education – Year 1 have P.E on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Tuesdays, we will be focusing on our gymnastics skills and on Wednesday we are very lucky to have a sport coach from Burnley Football Club in to help us to improve on our fundamental movement skills.

History – In history we will be learning all about the Great Fire of London. We will gain lots of knowledge about how the fire started and the impact the fire had on our world today. The children will be able to compare London then and London now. This will be enhanced by our non-fiction writing in English. The children will have an opportunity to explore our topic further using a museum loan box supplied by the library.



THINGS TO REMEMBER

PE Days: We will be doing PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Where possible, PE will be outdoors and children will need trainers and a warm outdoor kit (any tracksuit) as well as an indoor kit. PE kits should stay in school all week.

Home Learning: Home learning will be sent home on a Friday and should be completed for the following Thursday. This will include an English task (Spellings) and a Maths task. Please feel free to send any of your child's creative learning that they would like to study more of to duskyowls@gisburnroad.com

Reading: Your child should read and discuss their reading book **at least 3x a week for 5-10 minutes**. This will help them to improve their fluency and comprehension skills, which will also help them to improve their writing skills. Please ensure home reading records and books are in school daily.

