



Gisburn Road Community Primary School

Autumn Term 2 – November to December 2022



AUTUMN 2 WITH THE LAUGHING 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>

We have some exciting news this half term. Year 1 and 2 will be working together to put on a Nativity performance. We will be working very hard over this half term to practice our songs and learn our lines!

Key Stage 1 are looking forward to welcoming you in to watch our show.

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 laughingowls@gisburnroad.com which will be checked on a Tuesday. For any urgent / important information, please contact the school office on 812287 or catch us in the yard.

Miss Phipps, Mrs Wheeler & Mrs Berger

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 ‘Text and Images’. Year 1 worked very hard last half term to practice logging on to a computer and using their mouse to draw shapes. We will continue to develop our computing skills by using the keyboard and mouse to write text and add images to a document. In addition to this we will be discussing online safety and how to keep ourselves and our information safe while using a computer.



Some useful resources are:

What is the Internet? (BBCBitesize)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3tbwmm/articles/zgwnsbk>



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 Jesus is believed to 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 self-portraits. The children will be developing their artistic talents by using a range of different mediums and learning about some historical masters of self-portraits. Including Frida Kahlo and Pablo Picasso. The children will be able to discuss both their own art and the art of famous artists.



Physical Education – Laughing Owls have P.E on Mondays and Fridays. On Mondays, we will be focusing on fundamental movement skills and on Friday we are very lucky to have a sport coach from Burnley Football Club in to help us to improve on our ball 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 Mondays and Fridays. 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 or handwriting) and a Maths task (Times tables/number bonds)

Please feel free to send any of your child’s creative learning that they would like to study more of to

laughingowls@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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 14th November - Tempest Photo Day, individual photos

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th November - Parents Evening - book online

Friday 9th December 10:30am & 5pm - Key Stage 1 Nativity - information to follow

Tuesday 13th December - Christmas dinner and party day

Wednesday 14th December - Christmas cinema night

Friday 16th December - School closes - Merry Christmas!