



# Gisburn Road CP School

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## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter - Spring Term

### Welcome back Year 1

Welcome back Sooty Owls, we hope you have had a lovely break and you are ready for another busy term of learning! We have already had a lovely first week back at school together with lots of challenges and learning in the classroom. We are looking forward to an exciting half term with lots of new learning and visitors coming into school to talk to us about fire safety. Thank you to parents for your continued support. If you have any questions you want to ask then feel free to pop in and see me. Keep up the good work Year 1!

Miss Henderson and Mrs Swinscoe

### What will we be learning this Term?

This term our topics will be “Fire! Fire!” and “Growth and Green Fingers”. During the first half term we will focus on “Fire! Fire!” and the lead subject areas are History, DT and Music. In History, we will be learning about The Great Fire of London. We will focus on recognising the distinction between past and present, and place events in chronological order using phrases to show the passing of time. In DT we will be creating moving pictures using pop ups and levers showing buildings on fire in London. In music we will be using our voices to create sound. We will focus on singing in unison, tempo and dynamics. We will then use these skills to create our own song about The Great Fire of London. In science we will continue to focus on seasonal changes. We will look at how the weather changes through the seasons and create our own weather reports.

### Dates for your diary

#### **Tuesday 21st January**

Firefighters visiting Year 1 to talk about fire safety.

#### **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

### PE

We will be doing PE on Wednesday and Thursday, but would like PE kits in school in each day as we may complete other PE activities during the week.

### Home learning

A grid of homework tasks will be set each half term. The tasks can be completed in any order. Spellings and Maths homework will be sent home on a Friday. We will collect homework books in every Wednesday.

### Home reading.

The school reading scheme book will be changed twice a week. However, we want to foster a love for reading and encourage you to read your favourite books at home too.

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

### Marvin the Monkey

Marvin will hopefully be visiting everyone over the year.

He will be sent home on Fridays. Please return him before the following Friday. If he gets a bit grubby, please give him a quick wash in the washing machine. If you would like to keep a diary of Marvin's visit to share with us in school or some pictures that would be great!

