



## Gisburn Road Community Primary School Spring Term I January – February 2024



### SPRING I WITH THE DUSKY OWLS



Happy New Year! I hope you have had a relaxing Christmas and New Year break.

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>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me via the cohort e-mail address of [duskyowls@gisburnroad.com](mailto: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 and Mrs Wheeler*

#### PSHE

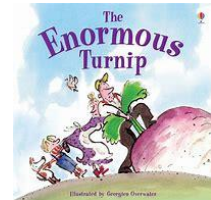
In PSHE we will be learning about how we fit into the wider world. We will be considering how to be kind, helpful and how to positively contribute to our community.

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

- to recognise what makes them special and unique including their likes, dislikes and what they are good at
- how to manage and whom to tell when finding things difficult, or when things go wrong
- how to recognise feelings in themselves and others
- how feelings can affect how people's behaviour
- how rules can help to keep us safe
- why some things have age restrictions, e.g. TV and film, games, toys or play areas
- whom to tell if they see something online that makes them feel unhappy, worried, or scared

#### English

In English this half term we shall be looking at Classic Stories, focusing on the text 'The Enormous Turnip'. We will get to know the story, identifying characters and events before learning it by heart and then innovating it to create our own story using suffixes. We will then move on to writing instructions linked to our Science topic on Plants, before finishing the half term by creating our own poem based on 'Mary, Mary, quite contrary'.



#### Mathematics

The mathematics units we are studying this half term are: Number and place value, measuring mass, geometry (2D and 3D shape), money, multiplication and division. Things that you could practice at home are: addition and subtraction facts (number bonds), counting in twos and fives, recognising and ordering the value of coins to 20p and practising the days of the week and months of the year.

## Science

This half term, we are learning to identify and name a range of flowers and trees, as well as learning about the structure of these plants. We will plan and create our own wildflower garden and observe them closely to see how they grow.



## Computing

During this half term we will be learning about digital media. We will be creating our own digital imagery using our new mouse skills and we will even be exploring photography.

## Religious Education

In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Islam and the core beliefs of Muslims. Islamic beliefs about creation and how this inspires Muslims to care for our planet.

## DT

In DT we will be designing and eventually making our own fruit kebab. We will take our time exploring different ideas and will design our perfect kebab. We hope to invite parents in to help make our designs come to life! There will be a letter to follow confirming a date.

## Phonics

Phonics is a vital part of the Year 1 curriculum and gives pupils the ability to read and write. We will be learning new Phase 5 sounds and using these to read and write words and sentences. Reading your child's phonics related books at home as much as possible would be a great help to their development and Phonics ability.

## Geography

In geography we will be learning about the UK. We will learn about all 4 countries and their capital cities. We will have a particular focus on London, our capital city. If you have any pictures of your child visiting any significant places in the UK please send a picture to [duskyowls@gisburnroad.com](mailto:duskyowls@gisburnroad.com). We will use these pictures in our lessons to start a conversation.



### THINGS TO REMEMBER

**PE Days:** We will be doing PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 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 (number problems/number bonds).

**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.