



Gisburn Road Community Primary School

Spring Term 2

February – April 2026



SPRING 2 WITH ELF OWLS



We hope that you had a lovely half term break and enjoyed lots of family time!
We can't wait to get back to our learning in Year 1. All the children worked so hard last half term and we know this will continue this half term too!

As you aware, my final working day will be Friday 13th March. I wanted to take the opportunity to express what a privilege it has been to teach your wonderful children since September. I am so proud of the progress that they have already made – growing in confidence, developing their skills and friendships. It has been a joy to watch them learn and flourish each day. Thank you too for your kindness and partnership throughout my time at Gisburn Road. Although I am sad to say goodbye, I know the children will continue to thrive with Miss Prior, Mrs Wheeler and Mrs Fent in the months ahead.

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 (elfowls@gisburnroad.com) or catch me on the playground to make an appointment.

The rest of this newsletter will outline the Year 1 curriculum for first half of the Spring term.

Mrs Hunter, Mrs Wheeler and Mrs Fent.

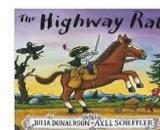
PSHE

In PSHE all about the importance of being able to relate to and get along with others in order to have positive relationships. We will be learning:

- That relate means to get along with others and understand another person, and that they can relate with family, friends, and teachers in different ways.
- How their Character Strengths help them get along with others and that it is ok that we are all different.
- What Active Listening is.
- What 'Stop, Understand and Consider' means and how this can help them with friendship issues.
- That Happy Breathing can help them if they have big emotions when falling out with friends.

English

In English this half term we will be writing our own poems based on a set theme with a free verse structure. Following our poetry lessons, we will focus on a narrative and non-fiction unit. These will be based around the text 'The Highway Rat'. We will write an information page all about rats and write an innovated story based on our text.



Mathematics

The mathematics units we are studying this half term are:

Division – Recall halves of even numbers to 10, understanding division as sharing into two equal groups.

Measurement – Measuring and recording mass/weight using 10g and 1g masses, measuring length and mass using base 10 rods then rulers and metre rulers.

Addition and Subtraction – Adding and Subtracting 1-digit and 2-digit numbers and solving calculation problems.

Fractions – Recognising, finding, and naming halves and quarters.

Geometry – Describing whole and half turns and describing position and direction.

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 plant our own seeds and bulbs and observe how they change as they grow.

Computing

In computing, we will be exploring Bee-Bots. We will create an explanatory video, explaining how to use bee-bots and move on to programming the bee-bots to reach an exact destination with our instructions.



Religious Education



Our unit this half term is Judaism. We will explore Jewish beliefs about God, with a focus on why Jewish people put their trust in God and how this might be expressed. We will also be thinking about our school values and how we have trust and honesty within our school.

Physical Education

In PE we will be developing our fundamental motor skills with a focus on overarm throwing skills. We will be developing our accuracy and using our skills in lots of new fun games.

Music

In music, we are learning to play the recorder. We are really excited for these lessons and can't wait to see what we can play by the end of the unit.

Phonics

We have been working our way through the Phase 5 phonemes this year and pupils are working really hard to learn all of the sounds and use these in their reading and writing – I am so impressed! All pupils have a reading book based on the phonemes that they have learnt and can remember. Reading with your child at home has a huge impact on their Phonics learning, which is an integral part of the Year 1 curriculum. Thank you to all who are reading frequently! I am asking children to read at least 3 times a week if possible; the progress pupils make in this area with your help is amazing.



History

In our History lessons, we are studying the lives of significant people from the past, with a focus on medicine. We will learn about the life and significance of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and compare them to a present-day nurse. We will use a range of sources to gather information and develop our ideas.



THINGS TO REMEMBER

PE Days: PE will continue to take place on Tuesdays and/or 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, a piece of optional maths homework, spelling practise and reading practise linking to the new sounds the children are learning in phonics. Please feel free to send any of your child's creative learning to elfflows@gisburnroad.com.

DIARY DATES

Monday 9th March and Tuesday 10th March Year 1 parent's evening with Mrs Hunter.