



Gisburn Road Community Primary School

Summer Term 1

April-May 2026



SUMMER 1 WITH THE LAUGHING OWLS



We are entering our last term in year 1. We have some very exciting topics coming up, and even a school trip this half term.

I can't wait for another fantastic half term learning with the Laughing Owls!

To keep up to date with what is going on in school and any parent sessions 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>.

You will also receive letters with the details on too.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me laughingowls@gisburnroad.com.

The rest of this newsletter will let you know what pupils will be learning about in Year 1 this half term.

Miss Prior, Mrs Wheeler & Mrs Fent

PSHE

Our Summer Term units will all be focusing on My Happy Mind.

This term's focus will be looking at Engage.

What does the word Engage mean? what type of things they can engage in. Looking at when they do engage in something and how this can make them feel help. The children will be looking at goals they can set themselves within their learning. They will be using 3 steps to achieve their class goal.

English

In English this half term we shall be looking at Stories with familiar settings, focusing on the text *The Great Paper Caper* by Oliver Jeffers. 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, question marks and exclamation marks. We will then move on to writing an information text linked to our topic on camping and the great outdoors, before finishing the half term by creating our own rhyme based on 'Here we go round the mulberry bush'.



Mathematics

The Mathematics units we are studying this half term are:

Number and Place Value – Identifying and comparing numbers to 50 and finding 10 more and 10 less

Addition and Subtraction – Partitioning two digit numbers in addition and subtraction problems

Fractions – Recognising and finding one half and quarter of a quantity

Geometry (Position and Direction) and Time – Describing quarter and three quarter turns and ordinal numbers.

Science

This half term, we are studying different materials in Science. We will:

- Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made.
- Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock (and brick, paper and cardboard).
- Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.
- Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.
- Perform simple tests to explore questions





Computing

In Computing, we will be practicing mouse and keyboard skills. We will create an image and then type text to accompany it.

We will be making art inspired by the works of Kandinsky.



Religious Education

Our unit this half term is Hinduism. We will explore the Hindu concept of one God (Brahman) who can be understood and visualised in many forms.

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Pupils will be exploring sliders and levers in our Mechanisms unit. We will design our own mechanism using these techniques and will be designing and creating a special surprise to bring home.



Physical Education

On our Tuesday PE sessions, we will be learning different jumping movements and how to do it in the correct way.

On our Friday PE sessions, will be with BFC.

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 times a week if possible; the progress pupils make in this area with your help is amazing.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

PE Days: We will now be doing PE on Tuesday and Friday.

We will be sending spellings home each week, if you can encourage the children to practice them as we will be using these words in our English work this term.

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 as we do also try to read with pupils as often as we can.

Dates to remember

School closed Monday 4th May

Class photos Wednesday 6th May

Sports day Friday 22nd May

School closed Friday 22nd May for 1 week and 4 days.

