



Gisburn Road Community Primary School
Autumn Term 1
2nd September-24th October 2025



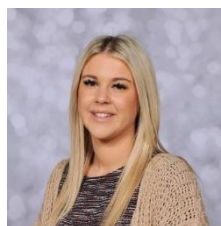
AUTUMN 1 WITH THE POWERFUL OWLS IN YEAR 2

Welcome back to school, we hope you have all had a wonderful Summer holidays with your families and friends. We are ready for an exciting in Year 2 and can't wait to start learning in the Autumn term. We are very excited for the year ahead and hope you are too! We have lots of plans including trips, visits in the local area, visitors, as well as welcoming parents and carers in to school regularly. We understand that your child might be a little nervous about their first term in Year 2 but are here to make sure they are happy and settled. If you have any concerns or would just like a chat, please feel free to email me at **powerfulowls@gisburnroad.com**.

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. For any urgent / important information, please contact the school office on 812287 or catch us in the yard.

The rest of this newsletter will let you know what we will be learning about in Year 2 during our first half term. We look forward to getting to know you and your children better over the coming months.

Mrs Brown and Miss Beth (Brown).



PSHE

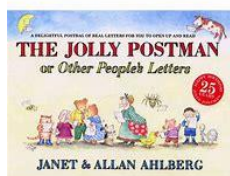
Across school we have adopted the 'My Happy Mind' curriculum, which is an NHS-backed scheme focusing on creating a culture of positive mental well-being. It gives children the knowledge, skills and tools to thrive in the modern world.

The Autumn Term focuses on:

- What our brain looks like and how it helps us to make decisions
- The Amygdala, which causes them to Fight, Flight or Freeze
- How our brain responds and works when we learn something new – Neuroplasticity
- How they can use Happy Breathing techniques to help them



English



In English this half term we will be focusing on the text 'The Jolly Postman' by Janet Ahlberg. We will sequence and discuss the main events, making predictions and inferences before planning and writing our own version of the story based on the place where we live. We will focus on using nouns and using subordination for time using 'when' and on our handwriting. Following this, we will explore Valley Gardens and after learning about non-chronological reports, write our own based on this area of Barnoldswick. Look out for a letter inviting you to join us when exploring Valley Gardens.

Mathematics

The mathematics units we are studying this half term are:

- Number and Place Value – place value to 100, exchanging, partitioning, comparing two numbers and multiples of 10
- Measurement, Length and Mass – comparing length, height and mass
- Addition and Subtraction – Understanding number bonds to 20, adding and subtracting numbers and solving problems
- Geometry 2D and 3D shapes – Identifying, making and naming 2D and 3D shapes



Science

This half term, we are studying Materials. We will build upon our Year 1 learning by exploring and classifying a range of materials before carrying out tests to find out the best kind of material to make a coat and a pair of curtains. We will study the work of Charles Macintosh to help us.



Computing

In Computing, we will be exploring stop motion animation using tablet devices. We will begin by learning what animation and stop motion is before planning and creating our own stop motion animation.



Religious Education

Our unit this half term is Christianity, linked to God. Our focus question is: Does how we treat the world matter? Pupils will investigate ways in which Christians care for world and learn about Harvest festival celebrations. We will explore how we care for the world and why this is important.

DT

DT – Our Design Technology unit this half term is linked to our Science unit and focusses on healthy eating. Pupils will explore different salad foods, before designing, creating and evaluating their own salad.



History

In History, the children will be focusing on the History of Barnoldswick, asking the question 'Why were Bancroft Mill and the Nutter family significant to our local area. We will be learning about how the lives of children have changed in Barnoldswick and we will be taking a trip to Bancroft Mill to explore and find out more about how Barnoldswick has changed over the years – letter to follow.

Physical Education

PE will take place on a Monday afternoon and Friday morning. Please make sure that pupils have a labelled PE kit in school including pumps/black trainers, shorts, t-shirt and a jacket. This half term, we will be focussing on developing children's underarm and overarm throwing techniques. In Athletics with Burnley FC in the Community and exploring, creating and performing movements in Dance.



THINGS TO REMEMBER

PE Days: PE will take place on **Mondays and Fridays.**

Home Learning: Home learning will be sent home on a Friday to be completed for the following Friday. Please feel free to send any of your child's creative learning to powerfulowls@gisburnroad.com. Occasionally, children choose to bring home extra Maths home learning, this is voluntary, but they will receive dojos for completing it.

Reading: Your child should read and discuss their reading book at least 3 x a week for at least 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.