



Gisburn Road CP School

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Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term

Welcome Pygmy to Year 2

We hope that you had a fantastic Summer break and are ready for an exciting year in school. We are all looking forward to working with our new class. We hope you will enjoy your time in Year 2 and will continue to work hard, as you have done in Year 1. Working with me this year will be Mrs Kitson. Please feel free to pop in at any time to discuss your child's progress or anything else. It is always nice to catch up with parents and carers. Remember to keep up to date with our school FaceBook page and website.



Mr Browne and Mrs Kitson

What will we be learning this Term?

Our themes this term will be 'The Place Where I Live' and 'Fighting Fit'. We will be starting with lots of history and geography work, looking at our school and Barnoldswick. We will be looking at maps, going on walks, comparing our school with another school, drawing places and recording sounds. In English, we will be reading Katie Morag stories and comparing where she lives with Barnoldswick. We will be writing our own non-fiction leaflets about Barnoldswick and later trying our hand at writing poems. In maths we will be concentrating on number and place value, before working on addition and subtraction.



Dates

Wednesday 11th September
3:30 - 4:00pm
Meet the teacher

Friday 18th October
School closes for half term holiday
after today

Monday 28th October
School re-opens after half term
holiday

Tuesday 19th December
2:30 - 7:00pm
Parents' Afternoon/Evening. School
closes at 2pm

Friday 20th December
School Closes for Christmas
holiday at the end of the day

Tuesday 7th January
School re-opens after
Christmas holiday

PE

We will be doing PE on Monday and Wednesday, 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 in your child's home learning book. The tasks can be completed in any order. The books will be collected in in the last week of the half term.
Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and tested within the curriculum.

Home reading

The school reading 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!

End of the day

Just a reminder that Year 2 finish at 3:25pm, five minutes later than the K.S. 2 pupils. The children will be brought to the junior steps by a teacher. When they see their adult, they will be allowed to leave.

Keep up to date

Remember you can always keep up to date with school events by visiting our 'What's on' Calendar.

<https://www.gisburnroad.com/calendar>

What will Year 2 be doing over 2019-2020?

Below is a brief overview of the curriculum which Year 2 will be completing over the year.



Autumn 1st Half Term **The Place Where I Live**

A theme based on the history and geography of the school and surrounding locality. We hope to be going on walks around Barnoldswick, using maps and looking for clues about Barnoldswick's past.



Autumn 2nd Half Term **Fighting Fit**

Here we will be looking at what humans need to survive and what we do to stay healthy. We will also be practising our drawing skills and using clay.



Spring 1st Half Term **Explorers**

A half term looking at two famous people, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will be using wheels and axles in DT and will be introducing computer programming to the children.



Spring 2nd Half Term **The Farm Shop**

This is when we will look at the food we eat and growing our own vegetables. We will be looking where our food comes from and exploring the principles of a healthy diet.



Summer 1st Half Term **Wind in the Willows**

First of all we will be looking at living things around us and introducing habitats to the children. We will explore living things around school, before moving further afield.



Summer 2nd Half Term **Buckets and Spades**

In the final half term we will look how seaside holidays have changed over time, with a trip to Blackpool and St. Annes.