



# Gisburn Road CP School

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## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2nd Half

### Welcome Pygmy to Year 2

We hope that you had a good break and are ready for the run up to Christmas. At school we are presently having a drive on reading. Good reading skills help children succeed with all areas of the curriculum. We would love to have parents and grandparents in school to listen to the children read. If you feel you are able to help, even if this is just for half an hour a week, please come in and have a word.

Remember to keep up to date with our school FaceBook page and website.

Mr Browne and Mrs Snowden



### What will we be learning this Term?



Our themes this half term will be 'Fighting Fit'.

We will be looking at our bodies and how to stay fit and healthy. This will involve finding out about different sorts of food and investigating which foods are good for us and which foods less so. We will be finding out about why it is important to wash our hands and keep away from germs. Do satsumas all have the same number of segments? We will be finding out. We will also be developing our shading skills in art and doing lots of singing as we prepare for our Christmas concert this year.

#### Dates

**Tuesday 12th - Wednesday 13th November**

After School

Parents' Evening - Please book via our website

**Wednesday 11th December**

Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Concert 6:00pm

**Thursday 12th December**

Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Concert 2:00pm

**Friday 13th December**

Christmas Jumper Day  
£2 donation per child £4 max donation per family

**Friday 20th December**

School Closes for Christmas holiday at the end of the day

**Tuesday 7th January**

School re-opens after

#### PE

We will be doing PE on Wednesday and Thursday this half term, 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.