



Gisburn Road Community Primary School
Autumn Term 2 – 30th October to 22nd December 2023



WELCOME BACK LAUGHING OWLS!

We hope that you have had a great break and are ready for the run up to Christmas! We thoroughly enjoyed our first half term in Year 2 and all the pupils all worked so hard. We are super proud! We are looking forward to the next few weeks of learning, challenges and fun!

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 with the details on too. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me via the cohort e-mail address of laughingowls@gisburnroad.com which will be checked on a Tuesday and Thursday. 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 pupils will be learning about in Year 2 this half term.

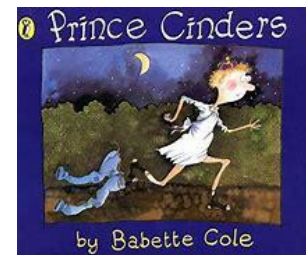
Mrs Brown and Mrs Mitchell

PSHE -

Here is what your child will be learning about this half term-

- Recognise that adults care for children and help them to stay healthy and safe
- Identify safe adults and how to ask for help if something is upsetting or worrying
- Recognise that some parts of the body are private; and be able to name private parts
- Identify that there are different types of touch; and how touch can make people feel
- Recognise that someone's body belongs to them, and that they can say 'no' to being touched

English – In English this half term we shall be listening to, reading and discussing Prince Cinders by Babette Cole as we develop our Traditional Tale writing skills. We will be identifying, analysing and discussing themes within the story and explaining the meaning of key vocabulary within the context of the text. The children will be making predictions, exploring characters' thoughts, feelings, actions and motives before writing our own traditional tale with a twist. Following this, we will be looking at instructions. We will examine the language, structure and presentation of instructions. We shall also be analysing and evaluating how specific information is needed when writing instructions to prepare us for writing our own instructions for a new playground game. We will edit and improve our writing in relation to our audience and purpose.



Mathematics – The key aspects of maths that we will focus on this half term are:

- doubling and multiplication
- interpreting block graphs and tally charts
- finding halves and quarters when working on fractions
- measuring capacity and volume
- understanding the value of coins and tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past the hour and quarter to the hour.



Science – This half term we will be focusing on 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 – During this half term we will be learning all about online safety, including: what happens to information when it is posted online; how to keep things safe and private online; who we should ask before sharing things online; describing different ways to ask for, give, or deny permission online.



Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Christianity. Throughout the topic, children will be learning about Jesus and why Christians refer to Jesus as 'the light of the world'. The children will learn about how Christians use light in Christmas celebrations such as advent calendars, carol services and Christingle. We will also think about how light might bring comfort, hope and security.

DT – Our Design Technology unit this half term is Textiles. Pupils will design a t-shirt for our class teddy bear mascot before learning how to make the t-shirt using fabric. They will use a range of joining techniques including a running stitch, glue, over-sewing and tape, and add colour to the fabric to complete their design.



Physical Education- In PE, the children will be focusing on their net and wall and dance skills. In dance we will develop confidence, develop the ability to put together a short routine, develop basic skills which include twist, jump and turn and perform basic movements. In Net and Wall, we will work with James from Burnley FC in the Community to develop our catching and striking skills and demonstrating simple tactics in a game situation.



History- In History, the children will be focusing on the History of Barnoldswick, including how industry has changed over the past 300 years. We will also be learning about how the lives of children have changed in Barnoldswick, including comparing our school day to a school day of a child in the past. We will be taking a trip to Bancroft Mill on Monday 20th November to explore the mill and find out more about how Barnoldswick has changed over the years – letter to follow.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS:** Laughing Owls have P.E on Monday and Wednesday afternoons this half term. Please make sure indoor PE kits are in school ready for our lessons and all kit has your child's name labelled/written in. Please also ensure earrings are removed on PE days.
- **Reading:** Your child should be reading and discussing their reading book **at least 3x a week for 5-10 minutes.** This will help them to improve their fluency and comprehension skills. They do not need to read much, but we are specifically looking for fluent reading and therefore it may help to read the same page twice to encourage smooth fluent reading the second time.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 17th November – Children in Need – letter to follow
Tuesday 21st November – Year 2 library visit
Thursday 30th November – Barnoldswick Christmas Market
Friday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 22nd December - School closes - Merry Christmas!