



## Gisburn Road Community Primary School Autumn Term 2 – November to December 2021



### WELCOME BACK TO CONGO BAY OWLS



We hope that you have had a great two-week 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 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 via the cohort e-mail address of [congobayowls@gisburnroad.com](mailto:congobayowls@gisburnroad.com) which will be checked on a Wednesday. 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.

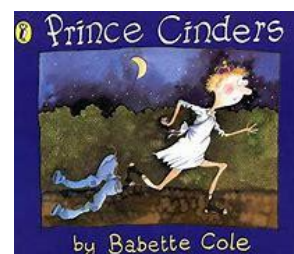
Mrs Brown and Mrs Mitchell

#### PSHE -

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

- how to recognise hurtful behaviour, including online
- what to do and whom to tell if they see or experience hurtful behaviour, including online
- about what bullying is and different types of bullying
- how someone may feel if they are being bullied
- about the difference between happy surprises and secrets that make them feel uncomfortable or worried, and how to get help
- how to resist pressure to do something that feels uncomfortable or unsafe
- how to ask for help if they feel unsafe or worried and what vocabulary to use

**English** – In English this half term we shall be listening to, reading and discussing Prince Cinders by Babbette 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. 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** – In DT, the children will be learning about mechanisms. We will be evaluating current products, identifying simple design criteria and creating our own vehicle. Throughout the topic, the children will try out different axle fittings focusing on their strengths and weaknesses. We will also be cutting dowel, using a range of materials and using construction kits that contain free running wheels to create our own vehicles. Finally, the children will evaluate their vehicle against their design criteria. Parents are invited to join us in school on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm** to create their vehicle. Please bring a cardboard shoe box into school by **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

**Physical Education-** In PE, the children will be focusing on their gymnastics and dance skills. In gymnastics we will develop skills of jumping, travelling and rolling, link basic movements together, form basic moves with straight and tuck shapes and adopt a sequence to perform on apparatus. 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.



**History-** In History, the children will be focusing on the History of Barnoldswick, including transport. We will be learning about the transport used on canals and how this has changed from the past to present. We will also think about how the local area is now different to the past and learn about Bancroft Mill.

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER**

- **PE DAYS** : Congo Bay Owls have P.E on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. 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 ensure earrings are removed on PE days.
- **Reading:** Your child should still 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. This will also help them to improve their writing skills.



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday 14th November - Tempest Photo Day, individual photos  
 Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th November - Parents Evening - book online  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm – Parents in Class – Vehicle making  
 Friday 9th December 10:30am & 5pm - Key Stage 1 Nativity - information to follow  
 Tuesday 13th December - Christmas dinner and party day  
 Wednesday 14th December - Christmas cinema night  
 Friday 16th December - School closes - Merry Christmas!