



Gisburn Road CP School

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Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Spring Term 1

Happy New Year Pygmy Owls

We are looking forward to an exciting 2020!

We hope that you had a good Christmas and enjoyed the break. The spring term is an important term for Year 2 as we work towards SATs tests in May.

We are sure the children are ready for the challenge.

Mr Browne and Mrs Snowden



What will we be learning this half term?

Our theme this half term is 'Explorers'. We will be looking at what explorers do, where they go and the equipment they need. We will be looking at the lives of famous explorers including Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will go on to designing and making a 'space buggy' following a look at the moon buggy used during the 1971 moon landing. In English, we will be reading and comparing stories of explorers by Simon Bartram, before writing our own. In computing we will again be coding using iPads and laptops and the website code.org which the children will be able to continue to use at home.



If you have any questions, or feel you would like to come in and help, please pop in and see us.

Dates

Friday 14th February

School closes for half term
Holiday

Monday 24th February

School re-opens

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day. Children to
come dressed as a book character

Friday 13th March

Sport Relief Day

Wednesday 25th March

Shared learning afternoon

**Monday 30th March/ Tuesday
31st March**

Parents Evening

Friday 3rd April

School closes for Easter

PE

We will continue to do PE on Wednesday and Thursday this term, but would like PE kits in school in each day as we may complete other PE activities during the week.

Home learning

This half term's home learning has been stuck in our home learning books. Remember the tasks can be completed in any order. Each task will focus on a different area of the curriculum. Spellings and maths practice sheets will be sent home on Fridays.

Home reading.

The school reading scheme 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 sign the reading record book when they read either a school book or book from home. 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!

KIRFs - Key Instant Recall Facts.

Each half term the children will be given number facts to learn. Last term we worked on our 2x and 10x tables. This term we will be practising our 5x tables and beginning to count in 3s. We will also be practising our halves and doubles of numbers to 20.