



# Gisburn Road Community Primary School

## Summer Term I

### April – May 2026



#### WELCOME BACK POWERFUL OWLS

Welcome back to school after a two-week break for Easter! We hope you had opportunity to spend some quality time together and have a rest. As we enter our last full term of Year 2, we welcome the sunshine and warmer weather! We are excited to take our learning outside and begin our new topics.

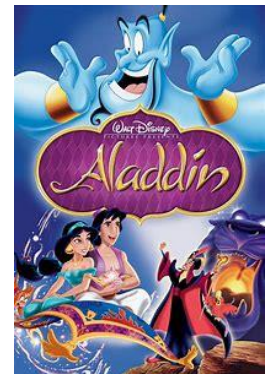
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Mrs Brown and Miss Beth

**PSHE** – Here is what your child will be learning about this half term within the Engage unit of our My Happy Mind curriculum:

- We will be learning how we can use everything that you have learnt to feel good and do good.
- We will be learning when we feel good, we do good.
- We will learn how to set goals.
- We are learning how we can keep focused on our goals when things get tough.

**English** – For our English, we will be focusing on the story of Aladdin. We are so excited to begin this topic and from past experience pupils love this topic and produce lots of high-quality writing! We will be embedding lots of skills that we have learnt over the year so far, as well as concentrating on retrieval and inference skills, during our reading phase. We will also be focusing on several writing outcomes; such as setting descriptions, diary entries, poetry, persuasive letters and posters. We will be innovating the story of Aladdin and finally writing our own additional chapter of the story. We will also be supporting our learning by watching clips of both the 1992 Aladdin film and the 2019 film. The 2019 version is a PG rating; **if anyone has any concerns about us watching this in class, please let me know by Monday.**



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

- Fractions – Focussing on finding, recognising and problem solving with quarters.
- Time – Telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes past on an analogue clock.
- Number and Place Value with Statistics – Partitioning, Using greater than and less than signs, Ordering.
- Addition and Subtraction – Addition and subtraction with exchange, using jottings and bar models
- Capacity and Volume – Reading scales and comparing measurements using greater than and less than signs
- Temperature – Understanding and comparing different temperatures
- Fractions – Recognise, name, and find one third of shapes, objects and quantities.



**Science** – Our unit this half term focusses on Living Things. We will be exploring things that are living, dead and never been alive. This links nicely to our David Attenborough day that we will be celebrating in school on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May (more information to follow)**. We are hoping for lots of nice weather as we will be taking our Science learning outside to search for living things, identifying them and their habitats. We will also learn about simple food chains and give some examples of these.

**Computing** – During this half term we will be learning ‘What is a computer?’. We will learn to recognise the parts and how they are controlled. We will explore different technologies and understand the role of computers in the world.



**Religious Education** – In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Christianity with a focus on the Church. They will explore the signs and symbols of Christianity and be able to describe the features of a church.

**Art** – Our Art unit this half term is Collage, and our end outcome is to produce some beach themed collage art. We will develop our skills by using different materials and tools to create different effects after being inspired by a trip to the beach this half term **(more information to follow)**.



**Physical Education**- In PE, Year 2 will be working on our overarm throwing and striking skills in our Striking and Fielding Games unit. We will also be developing our rolling, jumping and travelling movements in our Gymnastics unit.



**Geography** - In Geography, we are studying daily and seasonal weather patterns in the UK. We will learn map symbols and geographical vocabulary when exploring weather and explain how weather can affect human activity.

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER**

- **PE DAYS:** Laughing Owls have P.E on Monday and Thursday. Please make sure both indoor and outdoor PE kits are in school ready for our lessons and all kit has their name labelled/written in. Please 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 and help them to improve their writing skills.

