



# Gisburn Road CP School

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## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Summer Term I

### Welcome to the Summer Term Screech Owls

We hope that you had a good Easter break and are ready for the term ahead. This is an important term for the children in Year 2 with SATs taking place over the month of May. These will of course be administered as sensitively as possible.

To keep up to date with what is going on in school and events we would like you to attend, please follow the link below. This takes you to our 'What's on' calendar.

<https://www.gisburnroad.com/CALENDAR>

If you have any concerns, please come in and talk to us.

Mr Browne and Mrs Ormerod



### What will we be learning this Term?

Our theme this half term will be 'Wind in the Willows'. We will be looking at the living things around us and their habitats and will focus on minibeasts. For Barnoldswick in Bloom, we will be planting flowers in large containers ready to be moved into the town towards the end of the term. We will also be transferring the seedlings that we are growing into the allotment.

We will be looking at the weather and carrying out our own weather monitoring and presenting weather reports. In English, we will be studying 'Wind in the Willows' and writing animal adventure stories, before writing letters and looking at poems by Edward Lear.

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



#### Dates

##### **Friday 3rd May**

Some of the Yr2 children performing country dances on the town square at 10am along with the junior maypole dancers

##### **Monday 6th May**

School closed for bank Holiday

##### **Friday 17th May**

Sports Day

##### **Friday 24th May**

Close after school for half term holiday

##### **Monday 3rd June**

School re-opens

##### **Thursday 27th June**

Provisional date for Yr.2 school trip

##### **Monday 15th July**

Parents' Evening drop-in 4-6:30pm

##### **Tuesday 23rd July**

School closes for summer holiday at 2pm

#### PE

We will be doing PE on Wednesday and Friday this half term. As the weather improves, we will be doing more P.E. outside. Please make sure your child has appropriate footwear (pumps for indoors - trainers for outdoors) in their P.E. bags.

#### Home learning

This half term's home learning will be stuck in our home learning books soon. Remember the tasks can be completed in any order. Each task will focus on a different area of the curriculum.

#### 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 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!

# What will Year 2 be doing over 2016-2017?

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, as well as using the seaside to basis for our artwork.