



Gisburn Road Community Primary School Spring Term 2 – 19TH February – 28TH March 2024



WELCOME BACK LAUGHING OWLS

Welcome back after a week off – this year seems to be flying by; we are already half way through Year 2! This half term has lots of learning taking place as always, and we can't wait for some brighter weather to take our learning outdoors more and more!

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 any 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 daily. 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-

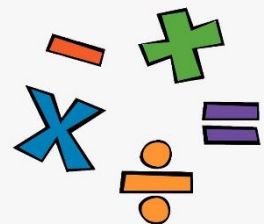
- how money can be kept and looked after
- about getting, keeping and spending money
- that people are paid to do the job they do
- how to recognise the difference between needs and wants
- how people make choices about spending money, including thinking about needs and wants



English – We will spend the first few weeks of the half term reading a range of stories written by the same author – ‘Simon Bartram,’ paying particular attention to his story ‘A Right Royal Disaster’. We will begin by sequencing and discussing the main events and discussing the key vocabulary. We will make predictions and inferences about the characters and events based on evidence found in the story before then writing our own section of the story using apostrophes for contracted forms, subordination for time and past tense. Towards the end of the half term, we will focus on non-chronological reports and use our new knowledge and skills to create a class information book on the theme of explorers and exploring. For this, we will use subordination for reason and the present tense.

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

- Multiplication and Division – Understanding multiplication and division, including sharing and grouping
- Length – Measuring in centimetres and metres, ordering lengths and solving measures problems
- Addition and Subtraction - with exchange, using jottings and bar models

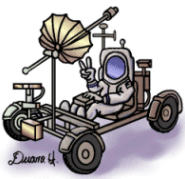


Science – This half term our focus is on Plants. We will be taking a trip down to the allotment where we will be taking our learning outdoors. Parents are invited to an afternoon session to help us plant the seeds we have grown in class – a letter will follow shortly with more details. We will also investigate the conditions needed to grow seeds and learn about germination.



Computing – Our Computing unit teaches us all about data handling, using the International Space Station as a theme. Pupils will understand how computers can help humans survive in space, the role of sensors on the ISS and will learn to interpret data. They will use computers to create digital drawings and creating an algorithm for growing a plant in space.

Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Islam. Throughout the topic, children will learn to understand the different ways that Muslim's show respect to their God, including the rituals of Islamic prayer.



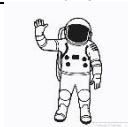
DT – In DT, the children will be learning about mechanisms. We will be evaluating current products, identifying simple design criteria and creating our own space vehicle. Throughout the topic, the children will try out different axle fittings focusing on their strengths and weaknesses. We will also be 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.



Physical Education- In PE, Year 2 are very lucky to be having input from two fantastic visitors to school this half term. On Tuesdays, we will be developing our striking and fielding skills further with cricket coach, Caitlyn. On Thursdays we will continue our work with the Taekwondo teacher learning about discipline, control and our movements.



History- In History, we are studying the lives of significant people, focussing on Sir Tim Peak and Neil Armstrong. We will compare these two explorers and find out how their lives compare with ours. We will learn the stories of their achievements and adventures through studying a range of sources.



THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS** : Laughing Owls have P.E on Tuesday and Thursday mornings this half term. Please make sure 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. We will try to take our P.E lessons outside as much as possible and recommend bringing in a P.E jacket to leave in their bag for the milder days.
- **Reading**: Your child should be reading and discussing their school 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. If your child reads other books at home, then please write those in their reading record too as they will be able to move up our reading challenge board in class to win prizes!
- School closes for Easter on Thursday 28th March at 1:30pm and re-opens for the Summer Term on Monday 15th April.

