



Gisburn Road Community Primary School Autumn Term I – September to October 2022



WELCOME BACK TO CONGO BAY OWLS



Welcome to Year 2 Congo Bay Owls! We are so happy to see you all back in school ready for a busy half term full of new learning opportunities. We have already had a lovely first few days back at school together with lots of activities to help us to get to know each other and our new routines better. You have all settled into Year 2 and have made me so proud already with your fantastic behaviour and excellent attitude towards your learning.

Remember to keep up to date with our school Facebook page and the class page on the website. You can send any homework via the cohort email address of congobayowls@gisburnroad.com which I will check every Tuesday morning. If you would like to pass on any urgent information you can also contact the office on 812287 and Miss Bond will pass on any important information.

Miss Phipps and Mrs Mitchell

PSHE -

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

- understand how they can be similar and different to their friends
- know how to ask for help when feeling sad or lonely
- know and understand how to be a good friend
- learn some new games they can play with their friends outside

English – In English this half term we shall be listening to, reading and discussing ‘The Jolly Pocket Postman’ books as we develop our reading and writing skills further. We shall be analysing and discussing the story. By doing this we will be able to explain the meaning of key vocabulary within the context of the text. The children will be making predictions, creating character posters and thinking about how the character might be feeling and why. We will then write our own narrative with an innovated plot structure. Following this, we will be writing an information booklet all about animals. The children research their chosen animal and create their own page for the booklet.

Mathematics – The key aspects of maths that we will focus on this half term are: 2D and 3D shapes, number and place value to 100, addition and subtraction and length and mass. Our maths lessons include lots of practical activities using our resources within our maths boxes enabling children to further develop their understanding within each area of learning. We will complete sections in our maths booklets each day, which include both fluency and reasoning questions. We will also be challenging ourselves through our deeper learning questions.

Science – This half term we will be focusing on ‘Healthy Humans’. We will be asking questions about how to keep fit and healthy and discuss the foods we eat. We will also be describing the importance of hygiene and observing how germs can spread. We will focus on exercise and create a healthy dinner menu.

Computing – During this half term we will be learning all about creating media. The children will learn what animations are, how they are created and how to create their own animation. We will also focus on using technology safely.

Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Christianity. Throughout the topic, children will be learning about Christian beliefs surrounding creation. We will be exploring how Christians express their faith through protecting the environment and the world around us.

Art – In Art, the children will be learning about drawing and printing. We will be learning all about the artist Adrian McMurchie. We will create rubbings and drawings using different media such as pencils, pastels and chalk before we create our own individual prints to piece together to make a picture of our school.



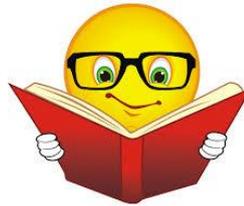
Physical Education- We are very lucky to have BFC in the Community teaching Year 2 striking and fielding on Friday morning this half term. We can't wait to get started with those lessons. We will also be focusing on athletics this half term and practicing our throwing, catching and movement skills with both Miss Phipps and Mrs Mitchell.



Geography- In Geography, the children will be focusing on Barnoldswick. We will be using aerial photographs and maps to locate Barnoldswick and features of the town. The children will also identify and describe the human and physical features of Barnoldswick using geographical vocabulary. We will draw our own map after exploring our town digitally. We will also learn about other areas of the UK, focusing on the capital cities.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS :** Congo Bay Owls have P.E on Wednesday afternoon and Friday mornings. Please make sure PE kits are in school ready for our lessons and all kit has your child's name labelled/written in.
- **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

Friday 9th September – collection for the Harvest festival begins
Friday 23rd September – Coffee morning, raising money for cancer charities at 9am
Friday 21st October – School closes for half term