



Gisburn Road Community Primary School Autumn Term 1 – September to October 2022



WELCOME BACK BURROWING OWLS



Welcome to Year 3! We hope you are looking forward to a new year at school, for new learning and creativity. To keep up to date with what is going on in school and events we would like you to attend, 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>

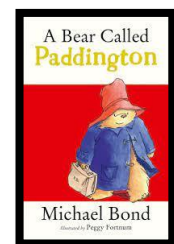
Please feel free to ring at any time, or have a chat before or after school, to discuss your child's progress or just to say hello; it is always nice to catch up with parents and carers. For any urgent / important information, please contact the school office on 812287 or catch us in the yard. Remember to keep up to date with our school FaceBook page and the class page on the website.

Mrs Fullalove

PSHE – Here is what your child will be learning about this half term:

- Recognise and respect that there are different types of families
- Know that being part of a family provides support, stability and love
- Know about the positive aspects of being part of a family, such as spending time together and caring for each other
- Know about the different ways that people can care for each other
- Identify if/when something in a family might make someone upset or worried
- Know what to do and whom to tell if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe

English – In English this half term we shall be focusing on the text 'A Bear Called Paddington' by Michael Bond. We will be making comparisons between clips from the film and the text and discussing our preferences. We will explore new vocabulary, develop reading retrieval strategies and then plan and write our own adventure story for a brand new Paddington catastrophe! Following this, we will be looking at a variety of sources, including clips and non-chronological reports about London, such as London City Trails (Lonely Planet Kids), to become experts on some of London's famous landmarks. After exploring key features and structures of these texts, we will then create our own leaflet for some of these landmarks. Our final unit this half term is poems on a theme. We will be exploring a range of poems, including 'The Old Dry Stone Wall' by Ann Perrin and 'The Dragon with a Big Nose' by Kathy Henderson. We will also be working as a class, to learn a poem by heart for a performance.



Mathematics – The key aspects of maths that we will focus on this half term are: place value, addition and subtraction, length and perimeter, statistics and multiplication and division facts for the 3 times table. Things that you could practice at home are: telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes (analogue clock); addition and subtraction facts (number bonds) and multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Some useful resources are:

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/ordering-and-sequencing-numbers>

Science – This half term we will be exploring forces and magnets. We will explore what a force is and how different surfaces can affect movement. We will also be consolidating our learning of magnetic materials, extending this to investigate magnet strength and finding a fair way to compare different magnets. Finally, we will be investigating how magnets are useful in everyday items and creating our own magnetic game.

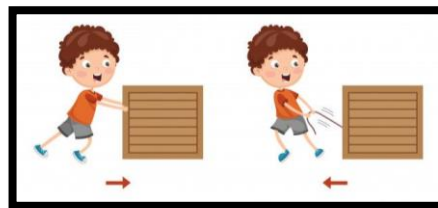
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<https://www.scienceandindustrymuseum.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zytttyrd>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zk9rkqt>

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/science/magnets/>



Computing – During this half term we will be learning about ‘Networks and the Internet’. This includes exploring a file’s journey to another device, a website’s journey (through role play), exploring the role of routers and exploring examples of real-world networks.



Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Christianity and the key question: How and why have some people served God? Key learning will include exploring qualities of good leader / a role model, investigating stories of prophets from the Bible, to understand the term ‘vocation’ and to reflect on who is a good role model to us.

Design Technology – This half term our focus is Food Technology. We will be designing, making and evaluating some balanced snacks to encourage healthy eating for children. We will be learning about the eatwell plate and simple cooking techniques including using the claw technique, peeling vegetables, scraping out a ball with a spatula and shelling a hardboiled egg.

Music – This half term the musical focus will be ‘performance’, which will be explored through a unit called ‘Food and Drink’. We will be composing word rhythms, singing rounds, creating musical recipes and performing a feast of chants!



Physical Education – Burrowing Owls have P.E on Mondays and Tuesdays. On Mondays, we will be focusing on athletics skills and on Tuesdays we will be focusing on net and wall skills, including different types of throws.

Modern Foreign Languages – This half term we will be introducing French and focusing on greetings, introducing ourselves, saying how we they feel, counting to ten and saying our age. We will be doing lots of speaking and listening, in addition to learning some songs in French.

Geography – Our topic is ‘Extreme Earth’ and will focus on volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis. This includes exploring how these events occur, the human and physical features found at these locations, exploring how they affect people’s lives, describing types of settlements and land use and extending our map knowledge as we locate specific regions.

Some useful resources are:

<https://www.google.co.uk/earth> Escape from Pompei by Christina Balit

The Pebble in My Pocket by Meredith Hooper and Chris Coady



THINGS TO REMEMBER

PE Days: We will be doing PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. Where possible, PE will be outdoors and children will need trainers and a warm outdoor kit (any tracksuit). PE kits should stay in school all week.

Home Learning: Home learning will be sent home on a Tuesday and should be completed for the following Monday. This will include weekly spellings and times table / number bond practice (this may be online).

Reading: Your child should read and discuss 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. Please ensure home reading records and books are in school daily.

Dates to remember:

Friday 9th September: Collection for the Harvest festivals begins

Friday 23rd September: Charity Coffee Afternoon 2:45pm

Friday 21st October: School closes (3:20pm) for half term