



Gisburn Road Community Primary School

Spring Term 1 - January to February



WELCOME BACK DUSKY OWLS!

We hope that you had lovely a Christmas break and are ready to start the new year full of enthusiasm.



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>

If you ever have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me personally. Any photographs, information or home learning that you would like to share with us about your child can be emailed to me at duskyowls@gisburnroad.com which will be checked every Thursday.

Mrs Fullalove and Miss Waterworth

PSHE - Here is what your child will be learning about this half term in our My Happy Mind sessions -

- That we can forget to appreciate what is around us and that Happy Breathing can help us appreciate the little things we may forget.
- That the more they show gratitude, the easier it is - they can use Neuroplasticity.
- How to develop an Attitude of Gratitude - What happens when we give gratitude and how the giver and receiver feel.
- That Dopamine gets released in their brain when they give gratitude and that this helps - Team H-A-P work together.
- How Dopamine can especially help the Amygdala stay calm and that even the thought of gratitude can release Dopamine.
- How when they appreciate themselves and feel good about their strengths, they will use them even more.
- They can use Character Strengths to appreciate others too.



English - In English, we will be looking at a story as a theme and using the key text 'The One Hundred and One Dalmatians' by Dodie Smith. We will be exploring new vocabulary, making predictions and making inferences about the characters. We will then write our own narrative in this style, following the plot structure we have explored.

We will also be exploring and performing our own Poetry and will be focusing on our key text: Roger The Dog by Ted Hughes. This will include some performance poetry, learning sections by heart, and several writing opportunities.

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

- Place Value, Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Fractions
- Division
- Volume, Capacity and Mass

Things that you could practice at home are: telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes; addition and subtraction facts (number bonds) and multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. We will be focusing on our 4 times table very soon!

Some useful resources are:

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

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

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



Science – This half term we will be exploring light. This will include exploring how light is reflected, how shadows are formed and changed and recognising that light from the sun can be dangerous. This topic will be continued through to next half term too, which will give us lots of chance to complete experiments and make detailed observations.

Geography – This half term we will be learning about the Lake District as a distinct region of the UK. Within this unit, we will be asking geographical questions and using a range of different maps with varying scales. We will also be exploring tourism and collecting evidence to compare the Lake District to Barnoldswick.



Computing – During this half term we will be learning about programming using the computer-based application ‘Scratch’ (this can be accessed at home for free). We will be carrying out an informative cycle of predict → test → review, learning to use repetition or loops and building upon skills to program an animation, game or story.

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>

Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Christianity and the key question: What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? Key learning will include exploring why people decided to become a follower of Jesus, what a modern-day follower might look like and what we mean by ‘charisma’.



DT – This half term we will be exploring Shell Structures using computer aided design. We will be learning about how shell structures are made and analysing nets. We will be using Word Documents to design our structures and create them using our designs. We will also be evaluating our designs and shell structures.

Physical Education - Dusky Owls have PE on Mondays and Fridays. On Monday, we will be focusing on Dance, and on Friday we will be focusing on Striking and Fielding with coaches from Burnley Football Club.

French – Our next unit in French focuses on extending our French vocabulary by learning French adjectives of colour, size and shape. We will then get creative and follow instruction in French and create some art work in the style of the French artist Matisse.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS:** We have P.E on Mondays and Fridays 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.
- **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.
- **Home Learning will be sent home on a Tuesday and should return to school the following Monday.**