



## Gisburn Road Community Primary School Spring Term 2: February - March



### WELCOME BACK DUSKY OWLS!

Welcome back after a week off – we hope you've had a lovely week with your families and feel recharged for a new half term. We have lots of learning taking place as always, including World Book Day, Year 3 and 4's school production and lots of exciting DT projects. We can't wait for some brighter weather to take our learning outdoors!



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](mailto:duskyowls@gisburnroad.com) which will be checked every weekly.

*Mrs Fullalove and Miss Waterworth*

#### PSHE -

This half term, we will be focusing on the topic 'Relate' in our My Happy Mind sessions. Here is what your child will be learning about this half term-

- That their strengths can be really helpful in friendships by helping them to accept other people's differences and how this is a good thing.
- That when they face differences in opinions or challenges with friendships, it can be hard to remember we all have differences.
- They will learn how the skill 'Stop, Understand and Consider' can help them with friendships.
- That everyone sees things differently and that this is a positive thing.
- Children will learn they can ask 'what do you think about that?' to help them better understand and relate to others.
- That the more they practise seeing other perspectives, the more the brain will remember it.
- Children will learn Neuroplasticity works with relating to others too.
- That we normally choose our friends because of their character.
- That we all see things from different perspectives; friends can help us solve problems by approaching them differently.
- How Active Listening can help their friendships and what happens if they don't Actively Listen with their friendships.
- That when we listen to friends, they will know that we care for them.



#### English-



During this half term, our English unit will link to our history learning as we explore non-fiction with a focus on the Roman Empire. We will have short writing opportunities focusing on letter writing, blackout poetry and top trump card descriptions. We will also become Roman investigators as we research different aspects of the Romans in preparation for our final outcome of a tri-fold non-fiction leaflet about Roman Britain. This unit will also include an analysis on non-fiction features, alongside a grammar focus on using conjunctions and commas to form effective complex sentences.

## Mathematics –



The key aspects of maths that we will focus on this half term are: 2-D shape, addition and subtraction, statistics, fractions and time.

Things that you could practice at home are: telling the time to the nearest minute (analogue) and multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables.

## Science –

This half term we will continue to explore light. We will focus on shadows, including how they are formed and finding patterns in the way that the size of shadows change. We will have lots of opportunities to explore practically, including drawing around our own shadows, observing sundials and making and using puppets.



**Some useful resources are:**

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

<https://www.scienceworld.ca/resource/mirrors/>



## Computing –

During this half term, we will continue to focus on computing systems and networks, with our unit called 'Journey Inside a Computer'. We will gain an understanding of how computers work, including using inputs and outputs, and use this knowledge to create a paper version of computer parts and identifying similarities and differences between various models.

## Religious Education –

In R.E. the children will be looking at the religion of Christianity and the key question: What do Christians mean by the 'Holy Spirit'? Key learning will include the story of Pentecost, fruits of the Spirit, and then personal reflection as they consider their own special qualities and talents.



## Art and Design –

This half term our focus is drawing and painting. Key learning includes exploring colour mixing, including using primary and secondary colours and creating tints and shades of colours. We will be exploring art from the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and will try using some of their techniques to create our own masterpieces.

## Physical Education-

Dusky Owls continue to have PE on Mondays and Fridays. On Mondays, our PE topic is Gymnastics and on Fridays, we will be focusing on Invasion Games (Netball).

## History-

This half term we will be making discoveries about The Romans, with a specific focus on the Ribchester Hoard. Some key questions we will be exploring include:

- What did the young boy's discoveries reveal about life in Roman Ribchester?
- What have the various discoveries and excavations revealed about life in Roman Ribchester?
- How did the Romans establish and maintain power over Lancashire?



We will continue to learn about the Romans in Summer 1, with a focus on the leadership of Boudicca.

## **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:** This will be sent home on a Tuesday and should return to school the following Monday.