



# Gisburn Road Community Primary School Summer Term 1: April - May



## WELCOME BACK DUSKY OWLS!

Welcome back to school after a lovely Easter break. I hope you all managed to have a rest and spend some quality time with your families. We are excited for our learning in our last full term in Year 3! We will be exploring plant growth, swimming in PE, learning all about Boudicca (in English and History) and lots more. The warmer days of the Summer term also means we can take our learning outside!



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 weekly.

Mrs Fullalove and Miss Waterworth

### PSHE -

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

- How their feelings affect their ability to do well in an activity and learn that they have to feel good to do good
- What Big Dream Goals are
- How to use perseverance and resilience to help them not give up on something
- That they have to 'Believe to Achieve'
- How to set their own Big Dream Goals



### English-

During this half term, our English unit will link to our history learning with a focus on Boudicca. Within this unit, we will explore and write a range of texts, including a character profile, rally cry / battle speech and top trumps description. Our final outcome will be to write our own narrative where we will retell part of Boudicca's story from Boudicca's perspective.

We will be using the text 'Queen of Darkness' by Tony Bradman to support this unit.



### Mathematics –

The key aspects of maths that we will focus on this half term are: addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, 2-D and 3-D shape and decimal place value.

Things that you could practice at home are: telling the time to the nearest minute (digital and analogue) and multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables – 8s will be a focus this half term.

### Science –

This half term we will be learning about plants, including the functions of different parts of a plant, plant growth and the process of pollination and seed dispersal. We will be undertaking multiple investigations to observe what happens to plants in different conditions (such as if they will grow in the fridge!) and using food colouring to help observe how water is transported!

Some useful resources are:

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/)  
<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/home>  
<http://gardening.afterschooltreats.com/>  
<https://www.thenakedscientists.com/>



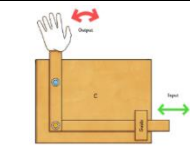
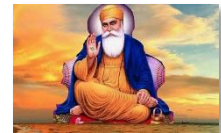
### Computing –



This half term our new unit is 'Creating Media: Video Trailers'. We will be using Movie Marker on the iPads and working in groups to plan, create and evaluate our own book trailer. This will include looking at the purpose of trailers, creating storyboards, considering camera angles, importing videos and photos, adding text to videos, incorporating transitions and evaluating a range of trailers.

### Religious Education –

In R.E. we will be looking at the religion of Sikhism and the key question: Why are the Gurus important to Sikhs? Key learning will include focusing on our understanding of commitment, thinking about who inspires us, exploring the importance of Guru Nanak and the Guru Granth Sahib and reflecting on commitments in our own lives.



### Design and Technology –

This half term, we will be learning about levers and linkages. We will be exploring what levers are used for and will be applying our learnt techniques to design, make and evaluate a 'moving poster' with levers.

### Physical Education –

On Tuesdays Year 3 will be swimming. On Mondays we will be focusing on improving accuracy within target games and exploring the sport boccia.

### History –

This half term we will be focusing on Boudica, a significant figure who had a huge impact upon Britain and rebelled against the Roman Empire. We will be learning her story and her uprising against the Romans.

Some key questions we will be exploring include:

- What were the consequences of Boudica's resistance to the Romans?
- Why is she still honoured (by a statue in London) today?



### **THINGS TO REMEMBER**

- **PE DAYS:** We have PE on Mondays and **swimming on Tuesdays**. 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 be returned to school for the following Monday.