



## Gisburn Road Community Primary School

Summer Term 1: April - May 2025



### WELCOME BACK LAUGHING 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 the Iron Man and lots more. The warmer days of the Summer term also means we can take our learning outside.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me personally or email via the class email. Any photographs, information or home learning that you would like to share with us about your child can be emailed to me at [laughingowls@gisburnroad.com](mailto:laughingowls@gisburnroad.com)

Keep an eye on the Year 3 Webpage and Facebook too to see what fun activities and events are taking place.

*Mrs Brown, Miss Beth (Brown) and Mrs Hartley-Brown.*

#### PSHE

Here is what your child will be learning about this half term in My Happy Mind:

##### Engage:

- 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

In English this half term we will be focusing on a novel as a theme, with our class text being 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. After exploring the key features, vivid character descriptions, we will then be writing our own innovated narrative base on the structure from the text. Following this, we will focus on explanation texts. After reading a range of different texts and viewing oral explanations clips, we will focus on the structure of explanation texts and will plan and write our own explanation text using our scientific knowledge of seed dispersal.

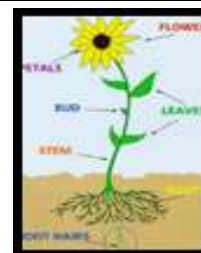


#### Mathematics

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); addition and subtraction facts (number bonds) and multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 times tables.

## Science

This half term we will be learning about plants, including the functions of different part 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:

Plant by Dorling Kindersley

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/)

<http://gardening.afterschooltreats.com/>

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/home>

<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.



## 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

On Tuesdays Year 3 will be swimming. On Thursdays and will be doing a unit on net and wall games, focusing on throwing, catching and striking a ball using their hand or a bat.

## Geography

Our new Geography unit is focusing on the United Kingdom. In this unit, we will take a look at the geography of the UK - from the physical features of mountains, rivers and seas to the man-made administrative regions and counties. We will be using a range of maps within this unit and focus on representations, including using standard symbols and focusing on why a key is needed.



### THINGS TO REMEMBER

**PE Days:** We will be doing **PE on Thursdays and swimming on Tuesdays**. Where possible, PE will be outdoors and children need trainers and an outdoor kit (any tracksuit). PE kits should stay in school all week.

**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. Reading books will be changed every:- Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

