



## Gisburn Road Community Primary School

Summer Term 2: June - July 2025



### LAUGHING OWLS



We hope you've had a wonderful break and spent lots of quality time with your families. We are so excited for our final half term of Year 3. We will be continuing to explore the Lake District, learning about nutrition in Science and will be exploring new media in Art. We are also super excited for our school trip to Mrs Dowson's Farm and Enterprise Week!

We are busy planning lots of fun and creative ways to end the year.

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, Mrs Hartley-Brown and Miss Brown.*

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

#### **Health and Wellbeing: Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing**

- Know that everyone is an individual and has unique and valuable contributions to make
- Recognise how strengths and interests form part of a person's identity
- Identify their own personal strengths and interests and what they're proud of
- Recognise common challenges to self-worth
- Know strategies to manage and reframe setbacks
- Identify typical hazards at home and in school
- Predict, assess and manage risk in everyday situations
- Know about fire safety at home including the need for smoke alarms
- Know the importance of following safety rules from parents and other adults
- Know how to help keep themselves safe in the local environment or unfamiliar places, including road, rail, water and firework safety
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**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.

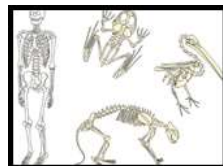
**Mathematics** – The key aspects of maths that we will focus on this half term are: fractions, position and direction, time and multiplication and division. Things that you could practice at home are: telling the time to the nearest minute (digital and analogue); addition and subtraction facts (number bonds) and multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

**Some useful resources are:**

<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 learning about the health and nutrition of animals, including humans. This includes learning about skeletons, muscles and diet. We will be exploring the similarities and differences of skeletons of different animals and exploring our own ideas on the topic, such as what would happen if humans had no skeletons! We will explore even more about nutrition when we visit the farm for our school trip.



**Some useful resources are:**

[www.nhs.uk/change4life/](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/)

[www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/](http://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/)

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



**Computing** – This half term our new unit is 'Handling Data: Comparison Cards Databases'. We will be learning new terminology including 'field', 'record' and 'data'. We will also be comparing paper and computerised databases, putting values into a spreadsheet, using 'sort and filter', interpreting data in a spreadsheet, creating a graph on Microsoft Excel and explaining the purpose of visual representations of data.

**Religious Education** – In R.E. we will be looking at the religion of Hindu Dharma and the key question: 'What is expected of a person in following a religion or a belief?' Key learning will include focusing on our understanding of 'duties', the celebration of Raksha Bandhan and the five daily duties and making a rakhi and reflecting on how we show a person that they are important to us.



**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** – Laughing Owls have Swimming on Tuesdays and P.E. on Wednesday. On Wednesday, we will be focusing on Athletics.



**Geography** – We are continuing our Geography unit on the Lake District, and features of the UK. In this unit, we will be focusing on mapping and perspective, and key learning includes making a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order, making a simple scale drawing, follow a route on a map with some accuracy and sketching a map from a high view point.

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER**

**PE Days:** We will be doing PE on Wednesday 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.

**Home Learning:** Home learning will be sent home on a Friday and should be completed for the following Friday. This will include weekly spellings and times table practise.

**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.