



Gisburn Road Community Primary School Summer Term I – April to May 2024



WELCOME BACK TO BURROWING OWLS

We hope that you and your families are all well and that you have had a fantastic break during the Easter holiday. We are so excited to be back for the summer term and have planned some fun, interesting lessons to end our year. We are looking forward to inviting you into class to join us in some of our learning activities.

Remember to keep up to date with our school Facebook page and the class page on the website. If you would like to pass on any urgent information, I will be on the yard each evening but you can also contact the office on 812287; Miss Barwell will pass on any important information.

Mrs Whittaker, Miss Pearson, Mr Wood and Miss Prior

PSHE –

Here is what your child will be learning about this half term-

- about the elements of a balanced, healthy lifestyle
- about what good physical health means; how to recognise early signs of physical illness
- how to maintain good oral hygiene (including correct brushing and flossing); why regular visits to the dentist are essential; the impact of lifestyle choices on dental care (e.g. sugar consumption/acidic drinks such as fruit juices, smoothies and fruit teas; the effects of smoking)
- how medicines, when used responsibly, contribute to health; that some diseases can be prevented by vaccinations and immunisations; how allergies can be managed
- how to predict, assess and manage risk in different situations
- about the importance of taking medicines correctly and using household products safely, (e.g. following instructions carefully)

English – In English this half term, we shall be reading the picture book 'The Mousehole Cat'. As we read, we will be discussing the new vocabulary that we read and continuing to develop our skills in establishing character and setting within our writing. At the end of the unit, we will use our skills to write an adventure story based on the plot of our text. We will then read a range of newspaper reports, discuss the content and identify the key features before writing our own report based on 'The Mousehole Cat'.

Mathematics – During this half term, we will be focusing on several different areas of maths. We will be working hard to learn all of our times tables. We will also focus on developing our fluency and accuracy when solving a range of mental and written strategies to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations.

Science – This half term we will be learning about our digestive system. We will investigate the different types of teeth and their features. Our investigation skills will be put to the test to find out what can cause our teeth to decay. We will research the functions of the different parts of the digestive system, before making a model to explain the process of digestion.

Computing –

This half term the children will be developing the four areas of computational thinking through a range of plugged and unplugged activities.

Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Islam and focus on our key question: 'Why do Muslims fast during Ramadan?' During the topic, we will develop our understanding of the key values of Islam and consider the role of commitment as part of religious life.

DT– Our DT work will focus on textiles. Firstly we will investigate a range of simple textile containers before we practise the skills of sewing using different kinds of stitching. We will also look at different ways to add decoration to fabric. Our practical lesson will help us to design our own bendy bag, before we make and test them out!

History- Our final history topic of the year is 'The Great Plague of 1665'. We will focus on the skills of chronology and will use a range of sources to find out about the causes and symptoms of the plague. We will also look at the role of medicine during this time and make comparisons to recent times.

Physical Education – This half term we will have two weekly PE lessons. One session will focus on dance and in our second lesson, we will focus on developing passing and shooting skills for invasion games. We will be learning how to become accurate when shooting at a target as part of a small team game.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS :** Burrowing Owls have P.E on Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has both their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school for those days.
- **Home Learning:** Home learning is set on Fridays and should be handed in by the following Thursday. Each week, your child will have spellings to practise, a maths task and reading homework.
- **Reading:** Burrowing Owls love reading! It is still vital that your child reads every day. Many children have made great progress in our reading challenge, with a home learning free week proving very popular. Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly. This will help them to improve their fluency and comprehension skills and will also help them to improve their writing skills.

