



Gisburn Road Community Primary School Summer Term 1 – April to May 2025



WELCOME BACK TO CONGO BAY 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, Mrs Holman, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Wilson

My Happy Mind and PSHE

This half term we will be working on the module called 'Engage'. This module focuses on setting goals and using everything we have learnt so far to feel good about ourselves and then to be able to 'do good'.

In PSHE we will be learning

- 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)

English – In English this half term we will be focusing playscripts, looking at the key features, performing them and writing our own. We will also be studying Macavity the Mystery Cat. Looking at vocabulary, inferences about the characters, toolkits for performing poems, leading to writing and performing our own.



Mathematics – During this half term, we will be focusing on several different areas of maths. 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. We will be working hard to learn all of our times tables, please let us know if you need a copy of your child's TT Rockstar login.

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 we will be following the KAPOW unit on HTML

We will recognise the role of HTML in a web page and altering the HTML to change the text and images.

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 pneumatics. We will explore existing products that use a pneumatic system and then create our own toys and monsters using this technique.

History- This half term we will be learning all about the Vikings. Our key enquiry will be to establish if all Vikings were brutal invaders. We will find out why people migrate and why the Vikings migrated to Britain. We will learn about their everyday lives and construct a timeline of key events. We will use a variety of sources and evidence to build our knowledge.



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Physical Education – This half term we will 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. We will also be continuing our outdoor and adventurous learning throughout the summer term.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS** : Every Wednesday the children in Year 4 will need outdoor clothing to include a coat and sensible footwear for our outdoor and adventurous sessions. PE kits will be needed on a Thursday (indoor and out please).
- **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**: Congo Bay 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.
- **Production**: Parents are invited to watch the Year3/4 production of **Puss in Boots** on **Wednesday 7th May** at 4pm or **Thursday 8th May** at 9:30am. We look forward to seeing you there.

