



Gisburn Road Community Primary School Spring Term 2- February to April 2024



WELCOME BACK TO BURROWING OWLS

Welcome back to school. We are now over half way through the year! We hope that you have had a lovely holiday despite the weather. This half term will be another fun and busy one- we are looking forward to it. We would like to invite you in to an Italian experience on Tuesday 26th March at 9:45 am. We hope you can join us to see what we have been learning.

Remember to keep up to date with our school Facebook page.

Mrs Whittaker, Miss Pearson and Mr Wood



PSHE

Here is what your child will be learning about this half term-Living in the wider world

- To learn about the different ways to pay for things and the choices people have about this
- To understand that people's spending decisions can affect others and the environment (e.g. Fair trade, buying single-use plastics, or giving to charity)
- To recognise that people make spending decisions based on priorities, needs and wants
- To know about different ways to keep track of money

English – This half term we will be looking at information texts culminating in a documentary written and presented by the children. The theme for this documentary will be climate change and the plight of the polar bears based also based around the story 'The last Bear'. We will then study the first part of this text and write our own story openings.



Mathematics – During this half term, we will be focusing on several different areas of maths. We will be practising our times tables every day and this is something that you can really make a difference with, by practising at home. 😊 This half term, we will focus on the properties of 2D shapes, area, measures and statistics.

Science – This half term we will be continuing our learning about sound. We will learn about soundproofing and investigate different materials for soundproofing. We will also make predictions and carry out fair test investigations.



Computing - In computing this half term the children will recognise the role of HTML in a web page. They will add text between the heading and paragraph tags and replace text and images on a web page.

Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Christianity. We will learn about the story of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness and the Christian beliefs contained in the story.

DT- Our DT topic for this half term is 'food'. We will investigate different pasta sauces before we develop our skills to chop and grate a range of vegetables. Finally, we will design our own pasta sauce, make and taste it!

Geography- Our geography work will focus on a region in Europe- Tuscany in Italy. In our lessons, we will look at the physical features of the region and learn about the tourism and settlements within the area. During this topic, we will develop our knowledge of places and our mapping skills.



Physical Education – During this half term, the children will have two PE lessons each week. One of our lessons is invasion games where we will develop passing and dribbling skills and we will work on developing tactics when playing a small game. We will also be swimming each week.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS :** Burrowing owls have P.E on Wednesdays. Our swimming lessons are on Tuesday afternoons. For our Wednesday lessons, please ensure your child has both their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school.
- **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, times tables practice and reading homework.
- **Reading:** We love reading! It is still vital that your child reads every day in Year 4. We have established our reading challenge with children earning rewards based on how many times an adult at home has listened to them read and signed their reading diary. By reading regularly, your child will develop fluency and comprehension skills and will also help them to improve their writing skills. It would be great to encourage your child to read a selection of non fiction texts e.g. instructions, explanations, newspapers and magazine articles as well as fiction.

