



# Gisburn Road Community Primary School

## Spring Term 1 2023



## WELCOME BACK TO SOOTY OWLS

We hope that you and your families are all well and that you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year. During this half term, we will be very busy in school and have planned some exciting learning tasks. Our Class Novel this half term is 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold

Remember to keep up to date with our school Facebook page, Twitter and the class page on the website. You can send children's Home Learning via the cohort e-mail address of [sootyowls@gisburnroad.com](mailto:sootyowls@gisburnroad.com). Whilst school is open and I am in class teaching, I will respond to any emails on **Tuesdays**. 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; Mrs Barwell will pass on any important information.

Mrs Holman and Mrs Wood

**PSHE** – As of September 2020, this is now a statutory subject for all Primary and Secondary Schools. Here at GRCPS we have always taught PSHE on our timetable. We are now following the PSHE Association's scheme of work for PSHE. Our Governing Body have made the decision that Sex Education will be taught in Year 6. **This is a non- statutory part of the curriculum and parents can choose to 'opt out' of this section of the curriculum.** On our newsletters we will inform you what is coming up each half term so you are aware and Mrs Toor will send a consent letter to parents at the appropriate time.

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

- the importance of having compassion towards others
- shared responsibilities we all have for caring for other people and living things
- how to show care and concern for others
- about the different groups that make up their community
- what living in a community means
- to value the different contributions that people and groups make to the community

**English** – In English this half term, we shall be studying a classic fairy tale- The Pied Piper. We will read several different versions of the text and look for similarities and differences. We will identify the key features of fairy tales, before planning and writing our own based on the structure of The Pied Piper. Next, we will read a selection of play scripts and identify their key features. We will then watch a film narrative and write a play script for this text.

**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 learning our X7 and X12s. Our maths lessons will begin by focusing on time and shape before moving onto place value, including the value of decimals. We will then work to develop our strategies to multiply and divide numbers. Our final unit is fractions and we will practise adding and subtracting fractions in these lessons.

**Science** – This half term we will be learning about Climate Change. Children will learn how human and physical processes interact to influence and change landscapes. We will also look at how changing environments can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

**Computing** – Our Computing topic for this half term is all about the weather.

**Religious Education** – In R.E, the children will be looking at the religion of Sikhism with a focus on how Sikhs express their beliefs and values.

**Art-** Our art topic for this half term is collage. We will be looking at the work of several different artists who use collage in their work, before developing our own ideas to produce a collage based on looking after the planet.

**Geography-** Our first geography topic of Year 4 will focus on mountains. We will be learning about how mountains are formed and investigate the location of mountains in the United Kingdom and the world. During this topic, we will begin to learn how to use 4 figure co-ordinates and map symbols.

**Physical Education** – During this half term, the children will have two PE lessons each week. One of our lessons is invasion games where children will develop skills in rugby. Our second lesson is gymnastics. During these lessons, we will practise making ‘matched’ and ‘mirrored’ shapes with a partner.

**Music-** Our music topic for this half term is ‘Beat’. Our lessons will develop our understanding and use of rhythm and syncopation. We will sing, play repeated patterns, listen to an orchestral piece of music and finally create our own descriptive music.

**Spanish** – Miss Attwood from West Craven High School will be coming into school every fortnight to teach the children Spanish.

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER**

- **Year 3 and 4 production** : Eddie the Penguin Saves the World.
- **SWIMMING:** Sooty Owls will be swimming on Tuesdays this term. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit with them.
- **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.

