



Gisburn Road Community Primary School Spring Term 2- February to March 2023



WELCOME BACK TO SOOTY 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 are planning to invite you into school before the Easter holiday to share some of our learning. We are also looking forward to an interesting and exciting day celebrating World Book Day.

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. I will respond to any emails on **Wednesdays**. 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.

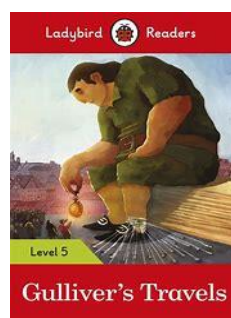
Mrs Holman and Mrs Wood

PSHE –

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 – In English this half term, we will be looking at traditional stories. Our focus text is Gulliver's Travels. We will read the text to investigate how characters are developed throughout the story and will then write our own story based on the plot structure. We will then be reading a range of non- chronological reports to identify the key features of this type of writing. We will then plan and write a report about Tuscany in Italy, which links to our work in Geography.



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. Our focus times tables for this half term are 7s, 9s, 11s and 12s. We will also be developing our arithmetic skills by completing daily mathematical fluency activities. During our mathematics lessons, we will focus on the properties of 2D shapes, area, measures, money and statistics.

Science – This half term learning about sound. We are starting the topic with a fabulous Science of Sound and Instrument Making Workshop. We will be investigating how sound is made, what materials sounds can travel through and which materials absorb or amplify sounds. We will also be using our researching skills to find out about the human ear and how it works.



To compliment Science lessons and develop our Music knowledge, we will be having weekly whole-class Ukulele lessons with Mr Gilmour.



Computing – Our Computing topic for this half term is Coding, we will be using the programme Scratch to build on the coding skills we learnt in Year 3

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!



We will also be making some focaccia bread to enjoy with our pasta dishes.



Geography- Our geography work will focus on a region in Europe-Tuscany-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 continue to have weekly swimming lessons on a Tuesday afternoon.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS** : Pygmy Owls have Swimming this half term. Our swimming lessons are on Tuesday afternoons.
- **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 improve their writing skills. It would be great if you could encourage your child to read a selection of non fiction texts e.g. instructions, explanations, newspapers and magazine articles as well as fiction.



