



## Gisburn Road Community Primary School Summer Term 2- June to July 2025



### WELCOME BACK TO CONGO BAY OWLS



We hope that you and your families are all well and that you have had a lovely break over half term, despite the typical 'holiday weather'. We have just half a term left of this year and it promises to be a very busy, but fun one! The children have worked so hard in Year 4 and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

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; Mrs Barwell will pass on any important information.

Mrs Holman, Mrs Whittaker, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Wilson

**PSHE** – Here is what your child will be learning about this half term

#### Growing and Changing

- physical and emotional changes in puberty
- external genitalia
- personal hygiene routines
- support with puberty

We will send out a letter shortly containing further information about this.

**English** – In English this half term. Our focus text is The Mouse Hole Cat. We will read the text to investigate how characters and settings are developed throughout the story and will then write our own story based on the plot structure. We also be using our class trip to Brockholes Nature Reserve to inspire writing a travel brochure.



**Mathematics** – During this half term, we will be focusing on several different areas of maths. We will still be practising our times tables every day and this is something that you can really make a difference with, by practising at home. 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 shapes, fractions, area and statistics.



**Science** – This half term we will be looking at living things and their habitats. We will investigate how living things are classified by scientists and look at the characteristics of different groups of plants and animals. We will use classification keys to identify plants and animal, which live in our local environment and then write our own keys. We will then learn about the feeding relationships of plants and animals, by interpreting and creating food chains.



**Computing** – Our Computing topic for this half term is Coding 2, we will be continuing to use the programme Scratch to build on the coding skills we started to develop last half term.

**Religious Education** – In R.E, the children will be looking at Christianity with a key focus on 'Why are some occasions sacred to believers? During this unit, the class will explore the role of the Church as a community of believers from all nationalities across the world. The children will be encouraged to share special events that are celebrated in their own lives. We will end the unit with a shared celebration of our time together in Year 4.

**ART-** Our work in art for this final half term will focus on painting. We will be looking at the work of several different artists who drew and painted landscapes including Monet, Seurat and Hokusai. In our lessons, we will practise a range of drawing and painting skills so that we can create our own river-based landscape painting.



**Geography-** Our final geography topic of the year will be focus on rivers. Throughout this topic, we will be using geographical skills to investigate the location of rivers in the United Kingdom and the world. We will learn about how rivers are formed and the features of a river along its course. We shall be visiting Brockholes Nature Reserve and taking part in a river workshop.



**Physical Education –** In one of our weekly lessons, we will continue to focus on different outdoor and adventurous activities that allow us to develop our team work and co-operation skills. Our second lesson will develop our striking and fielding skills in the context of rounders.

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER**

- **PE DAYS :** Congo Bay Owls have Outdoor and Adventerous on Wednesdays and PE on Thursdays. Please ensure both indoor and outdoor PE kits are 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 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.

