



Gisburn Road Community Primary School

Autumn 2

November –December 2025



Year 5 Congo Bay Owls



Welcome back, we hope you have had a great half-term with lots of Autumnal activities. The children made a fantastic start to Year 5 and have shown a great attitude to their learning. We are looking forward to the PGL residential, The Lowry Theatre trip and the build up to Christmas- a very busy and long, but exciting, half term!

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

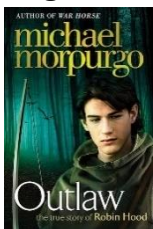
Mrs Holman, Mrs Wood and Mrs Wilson.

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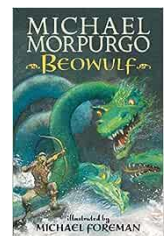
This half term we will be focusing on Safe relationships and discussing what physical contact is appropriate and feeling safe. We will look at respecting ourselves and others. We will discuss responding respectfully to a wide range of people; recognising prejudice and discrimination.

My Happy Mind – the unit for this half term is CELEBRATE. This Module is all focussed on building children's self-esteem. Children will learn about 5 Character Strengths that make them unique and special and will spot these in themselves and others.

English



This half term we will be studying different Legends from the British Isles. We will start with exploring a variety of stories such as Robin Hood and the Legend of Finn McCool. We will then move onto a focused study of the story of Gelert. We will work towards writing our own legend based on those we have read. To compliment this learning, our class novel will be Outlaw by Michael Morpurgo and our guided reading text will be Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo.



Mathematics

In maths we will be starting with mental multiplication and division. We will then move on to written division and multiplication with a focus on area within the multiplication. We will look at fractions, equivalent fractions, order, and compare them. We will also study time and timetables.

Science

This half term is a focus on solutions, mixtures and separation. We will test different materials in water – what dissolves and what does not. We will separate materials using sieving, filtering and evaporating.



Computing

This half term we will focus on animation. We will look at original forms of animation before creating our own animations using the technique of taking several pictures on an iPad and creating a sequence.

Religious Education

The focus this half term is on Hindu Dharma.

ART In Art we will be focusing on Drawing Skills. We will start by practicing different drawing skills and techniques using different media and build up to producing an observational drawing of fruit.



Physical Education- This half term we will be **swimming** and also working on team building games with Coach Reece from Burnley Football Club.

History: This half term we will be studying the Anglo Saxons. We will be finding out who the Anglo-Saxons were, where they came from and why. We will use chronology and enquiry skills throughout the unit. Our enquiry focus question is 'What can we learn about the Anglo Saxons from the discoveries at Sutton Hoo?' We will take on the role of archaeologists to look at a variety of sources and artefacts found at Sutton Hoo then communicate our findings using both written and oracy outcomes.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS :** Year 5 have PE with BFC on a **Friday** this half term. Please ensure your child has their outdoor kits in school for that day.
- **Swimming every Tuesday:** Please ensure your child has their full swimming kit.
- **Home Learning:** This will be given out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday. The focus will be on spellings and timestables on TT Rockstars.
- **Reading:** Your child should read and discuss their reading book **at least 3x a week for 5-10 minutes**. This will help them to improve their fluency and comprehension skills. This will also help them to improve their writing skills.

