



# Gisburn Road CP School



## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2



### Welcome back Year 5!



Year 5 made a fantastic start to the Year with lots of brilliant work produced already! Well done and keep it up Year 5. We are looking forward to the next busy half term with the run up to the Christmas Break with more exciting learning opportunities planned. Please encourage your child to continue with their reading and home learning. Keep up to date on our website and face book page and any questions don't hesitate to ask.

Mrs Whittaker and Mrs Holman.

### What will we be learning this half term?

This half term our topic is 'Food Glorious Food'. We will be learning all about where our food comes from, countries where different food types are produced and how many food miles different items make. We will be finding out about fair trade products and the benefits of buying seasonal and local produce. In D.T we will be focusing on food traditions from around the world, researching meals, buying the ingredients and making and preparing the meal using a variety of cooking skills. We will then sample the food back in class. **Please inform us if your child has any allergies or intolerances that we should be aware of.**



Our English themes this half term are Classic Poetry, a historical novel which will be Oliver and play scripts where we will be studying Inkhart.

#### Dates for the Diary

**Monday 28th October**  
School re-opens

**Wednesday 30th October**  
Pizza Express Workshop  
in Skipton

**Wednesday 11th December**  
Parents in Class  
(More details to follow)

**Friday 20th December**  
Close for half term

**Tuesday 7th January**  
School opens

#### Home reading

Children will continue to bring reading books home as well as take part in reading activities at school. Please try to listen to your child reading daily, whenever possible, and ask questions about the book they are reading. Our class reading challenge has started– well done if you are well on on your way round the treasure island!

#### Home Learning

Alongside their reading, Year 5 will have a Maths and Spelling activity to complete each week. There will also be a choice of three topic based activities to complete over the half term.

#### PE

We will have PE on Mondays and swimming on Tuesdays. All pupils require an indoor kit (shorts, t-shirt and pumps) together with an outdoor kit (joggers/leggings, sweatshirt and trainers). Please ensure PE kits remain in school as we may participate in other activities throughout the week. Thank you!

# What will Year 3 be learning in 2018-2019?

Below is a brief overview of the curriculum which Year 3 will be completing during the following year.

## Autumn 1st Half Term *There's no place like Barlick!*



During this theme we will be investigating local history and geogra- phy. We will discover what life was like a century ago by learning about the millworkers who worked in Bancroft Mill. In Geography, we will learn more about our local environment and the physical and human features that make up the landscape. We will also learn some map reading skills.

## Autumn 2nd Half Term *Healthy Humans*

Based around the human body, this theme focuses on nutrition and diet. Our learning will include how to create simple, healthy dishes (linked to DT). Within Art and Design we will design and make a fruit inspired tex-



tile.

## Spring 1st Half Term *Rock and Roll*

This half term we will be looking at rocks and fossils together with key aspects of volcanoes and earthquakes. Focusing on Ancient Britain, this theme will look at both Stonehenge and Skara Brae. Within Art we will be observing fossils, drawing and printing them together with creating cave style paintngs.



## Spring 2nd Half Term *Mechanical Mayhem*

This is a Design Technology based theme on mechanical systems with special focus on levers and linkages. In DT we will design, create and evaluate our own moving 'toy' while in Science we will be investigating forces and magnets . During this half term, Year 3 will practise and perform a play to an audience.



## Summer Term 1st Half Term *Groovy Gardening*

This theme is focused on the science of plants. We will look at the parts and functions of a flowering plant together with plant growth and pollinaton. In Design Technology, we will be designing and making structures (Shell/Frame structures) and investigating how to strengthen them.



## Summer Term 2nd Half Term *Rotten Romans*

The main focus in this theme is in both Geography and History, looking at the Romans and their influence in Britain. We will also be exploring Britain's National Parks with special focus on the Lake District. This is a very creative theme which includes painting designs on plaster and creating mosaics.

