



Gisburn Road CP School



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term I

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all!



We hope you have had a fantastic break over the Christmas holidays and are ready and raring to go for the New Year with lots of New Learning!

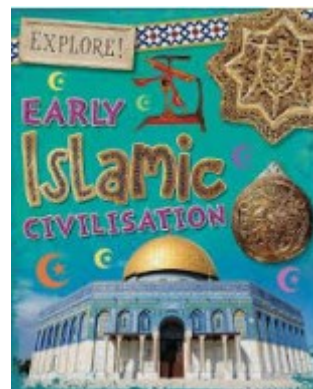


Please check your child's book bags regularly and keep up to date through the website or face book. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask; myself and Mrs Holman will be happy to try and help.

Mrs Whittaker and Mrs Holman.

What will we be learning this Spring?

Our theme for this half term is Inventors and Inventions with the main focus being on the Historical ancient civilisation of Baghdad and the Golden Age of Islam. We will be looking at how this civilisation compares to others and what important scientific inventions still affect our society today. We will also be creating and inventing our own mechanical toys in a D.T project. Our English unit is based around the novel Hugo Cabret which is linked to the theme of automata and inventions.



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 7th January

Back to school

Wednesday 8th January

History Workshop
In school

Friday 14th February

Break up for half term

Mon 24th February

School opens

Friday 28th February

Robin Wood Trip

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

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** will start next week!

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 Fridays. 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 geography. We will discover what life was like a century ago by learning about 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.

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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 paintings.



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 pollination. 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.

