



Gisburn Road CP School

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Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter— Summer Term I

Hawk Owls

Welcome to the Summer Term! The children were dearly missed and it's been a pleasure to welcome them back from the Easter holiday- they had some very interesting stories to tell. They have settled in very quickly and we hope that they continue to persevere in order meet all the challenges that we set them in this final term. Please come in to see me after school if you have any issues or concerns, or make an appointment through the office. To keep up to date with what is going on in school and events we would like you to attend, please follow the link below. This takes you to our 'What's on' calendar.

<https://www.gisburnroad.com/CALENDAR>



Mr Shabbir and Miss Hartley

What will we be learning this Term?

English

We will explore the theme of rainforests in the texts that we read and discuss our thoughts and opinions about meanings and messages that we find. We will identify the countries and cultures of the texts by using clues about way of life, plants and animals and anything else that we spot.

Maths

We will continue to consolidate the four operations, especially in a problem solving context. We look at time and further extend our knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages.

Science

We will describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird; describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals; know that plants produce pollen from the stamen (male part of a plant) which is transferred to the stigma and then the ovary (female parts of the plant); explore how fertilisation occurs in the ovary of the flower and know that seeds are formed as a result of fertilisation.

Topic

We will study the geography of the Amazon Basin which is the region of South America drained by the Amazon River and its tributaries. As most of the region is covered by tropical rainforest (biome) we will learn about this and other rainforests of the world. In Art children will explore the work of artists such as Henri Rousseau and contemporary artist Ruth Daniels, to further their understanding in geography and the rainforest regions of South America.



Dates

Tuesday 23rd April

School re-opens after Easter holiday

Wednesday 24th April

100% attendance treat

Friday 17th May

Sports Day

Thursday 23rd May

Y5 trip to Tropical World

Friday 24th May

School closes for half-term

Monday 3rd June

School re-opens after half term

Thursday 23rd July

School closes for Summer holiday at 2pm

Home Learning

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English and Maths homework will be given on a Friday to be in the following Wednesday. Children will also get a creative homework sheet and should complete at least two of the activities and return their final pieces by Wednesday 22nd May.

Home Reading.

We ask that your child reads for at least 10 minutes each evening. This can be independent reading, and may include magazines, non-fiction or novels. Please sign the red home reading booklet when you see or hear your child reading.

Times Tables

Please continue to practise the times tables with your child as discussed at parent's evening. Transum.org has some good activities, many of which are free and I also like multiplication.com because it has some really fun games that can be customised. Hit the button is also a great game to play to develop times tables knowledge.

PE

We will be doing PE on Monday and Thursday but we would like PE kit in each day as we may complete other PE activities during the week. . Please ensure that your child has an indoor and outdoor kit in school.

Autumn 1: **A Kingdom United**



Geography and History based. Maps of Great Britain and the United Kingdom. A look at where the Anglo Saxons came from and how they lived. Fascinating landmarks and facts about the four countries and their capitals.



Autumn 2: **Food Glorious Food**

Geography, Science and D.T based. Where our food comes from, how far it travels, where food grows and how to make different food from around the world.

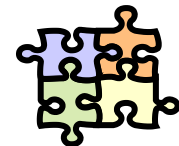
Spring 1: **Earthlings**

Science based. All about space and the world around us.



Spring 2: **Inventors and Inventions**

History and D.T based. A look into inventions, what were some of the oldest inventions, who were the famous inventors. Can we invent our own toy with cams?



Summer 1: **Amazon Adventure**

Geography and Science based. Where is the Amazon? What lives there? How animals and plants grow and adapt.



Summer 2: **Go Greek**

History based. What was life like in Ancient Greece? Explore and discover traditions, daily life, food and key events.

