



Gisburn Road Community Primary School

Spring I January 2026- February 2026



Welcome back Congo Bay Owls



We hope that you have had a brilliant time over the Christmas holidays and enjoyed some time with your families. We have a busy term ahead that we are looking forward to.

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



Mrs Holman



Mrs Wood



Mrs Wilson

PSHE:

This term we will be working on the theme of 'Living in the wider world'. This half term we will be focusing on the environment and investigating the following:

- how resources are allocated and the effect this has on individuals, communities and the environment
- the importance of protecting the environment and how everyday actions can either support or damage it
- how to show compassion for the environment, animals and other living things
- about the way that money is spent and how it affects the environment
- to express their own opinions about their responsibility towards the environment

English:



In English this half term we will be studying the genre of Science Fiction. We will be reading a variety of texts and short stories and identifying the key features, including 'The Kid who came from Space' by Ross Welford. We will be analysing what makes a good science fiction story before writing our own short story based on the text 'ET-The Extra Terrestrial'.



In Guided Reading we shall be studying the Novel 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty and looking at non-fiction accounts of what it was like to be a child in Victorian Times.

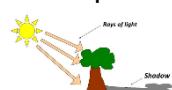
Mathematics:

In maths we will be continuing our place value work, looking at negative numbers. We will develop our written and mental calculations for multiplication. In measure we will be focusing on length, mass and capacity. We will be also studying angles, and the reflection and translation of shapes. We will also be continuing our work on becoming more efficient and fluent in our four operations. We will also be using TTRS weekly and for homework to build up our times tables fluency; please encourage your child to log on for 10mins a week.

Science:



This half term we will be studying the solar system. We will look at the orbit of the Earth and Moon. We will understand how night and day are created. We will learn about the different planets and compare them. We will make models and diagrams to explain how the solar system works.



We will also study the apparent movement of the sun and how this affects shadows.

Computing:

This half term we will look at Data Handling by Identifying some of the types of data that the Mars Rover collects and will explain how the Mars Rover transmits the data back to Earth. Children will read binary numbers, and understand binary addition as well as identifying input, processing and output on the Mars Rovers.

Religious Education:

This half term we are studying the religion of Christianity. We will be focusing the theme of Miracles.

ART:

This half term we will be focusing on painting skills such as dabbing, masking and splatting. We will study the work of Peter Thorpe to inspire our own Space themed paintings.

**Physical Education:**

This half term PE will take place on a Thursday and Friday. Children will need their outdoor PE Kits, including trainers. On Fridays we shall be focusing on Invasion Games with lessons taught by Coach Reece from Burnley Football Club. On Thursday we shall focus on our Striking and Fielding skills.

Geography: This half term we will link our geography with our PSHE work and look at climate change and sustainability and what we can do to help.

**THINGS TO REMEMBER**

- **PE DAYS** : Year 5 have PE on a Thursday and Friday this half term. Children need a warm outdoor PE kit, with trainers.
- **Home Learning:** This will be given out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday.
- **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.

