



Gisburn Road Community Primary School

Summer 1 April 2025 to May 2025



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to the summer term - warmer days and lighter evenings! I can't how quickly the year is going. It was lovely to meet many of you at the recent evening. Thank you for coming, we really appreciate your support.



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We hope you have had a restful break and are ready for a busy term ahead. This half-term will be especially busy as Easter has fallen late this year and we have much learning to undertake! I'm sure you haven't forgotten that we have an additional Bank Holiday on Monday 5th May.

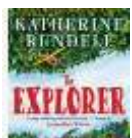
If you need to speak to me, you can catch me on the yard, via the main school phone or via our class email. Thank you as always for your support – here's to a successful half term of learning ahead!

Mrs Ewins, Mr Wood and Ms Philips.

PSHE –

This half term we will be continuing to follow the My Happy Mind curriculum, and, along with the rest of the school will be focusing on 'Engage'. In Year 5, this highlights the importance of feeling good to do good, and we will be having a particular focus on resilience and perseverance; with our relationships and with our learning. We will also be learning about legal drugs; the risks to health of common 'everyday' drugs such as medication, alcohol and tobacco, mixed messaging in the media, peer pressure, and the organisations that support people with issues concerning drug use.

English –



In English, we will be studying extracts from 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. We will use these to explore characters and settings, using the rich descriptions of the Amazon provided, before writing our own short story. We will also be finding out about deforestation in the Amazon and the effect it has on people and wildlife and will be writing a speech and taking part in a debate around this theme. Our class novel, 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell, will feed into our knowledge and understanding of this environment.



In Guided Reading we will be studying Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. This is a personal favourite of mine, and I can't wait to share it with the children.

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Mathematics -

This half term we will be focusing on place value, with numbers up to 1 million and rounding numbers. We will also be developing our use of protractors, including estimating angles. We will also be learning how to plot co-ordinates on a graph and continuing to practice and refine our skills in addition, subtraction and multiplication.

Science -

This half term we will be focusing on the lifecycles of different animals. The children will describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. We will also describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.



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Computing -

This half term the children will be learning how to programme microbits before using them to play a simple game such as Rock, Paper, Scissors.

Religious Education -

We will be studying the Christian Religion with a focus on The Church.



ART/DT-

This half term we will be learning the skills of sewing; learning particular stitches and then applying these to make our own stuffed toy based on the animals of the rainforest.



Music-

We will be studying the structure of music through a unit about the Rainforest, composing our own soundscape.

Physical Education-

This half term the children will be playing Invasion Games (Hockey) and developing their Net and Wall skills through Tennis.



Geography -

This half term we will be learning all about the Amazon Rainforest. We will start by looking where it is and building on our map work. We will then explore the layers of the Rainforest, the animals that live there and the climate of the Rainforest. We will get to know about the people who live there too and problems that they face.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS :** Year 5 have PE on a Monday and Tuesday this half term. Please ensure your child has both their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school for those days.
- **Home Learning:** Please continue to facilitate Times Tables Rock Stars and learning of Spellings at home.
- **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.

