

**Gisburn Road Community Primary School** 



# Summer 2 - June to July 2025



It's the final half-term of Year 5! We are really looking forward to a busy, (hopefully) sunny half-term ahead, full of fun and learning! We hope you have had an enjoyable break and enjoyed the extra few days – wherever it took you.

During the final half-term of Y5, we will be continuing to build on developing resilience and stamina for learning, alongside continuing to show excellent behaviour for learning, as we have much to cover in all curriculum areas to ensure the children are as well prepared as they can be for Y6.

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 and Mr Wood.

## PSHE –

This half term we will be focusing on Relationships – friends, family and building supportive relationships. Linked to our Science learning we will be learning about physical changes with a focus on changes experienced during puberty, human reproduction and the differing types of family life.



**English** – We will be exploring Myths and Legends, tying into our History theme of the Ancient Greeks. Our class reader is Percy Jackson and The Lightening Thief – an adventure story with a strong link to the Ancient Greek Gods written by Rick Riordan. The children will be studying a range of Greekk Myths, some well known and some lesser known, before using the themes and ideas they have discovered to write thheir own 'Quest' Myth. We will be writing a report on Greek Gods and Goddesses in our non-fiction writing.



In Guided Reading we will be continuing to read Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. The children can't wait to find out more about Michael's developing relationship with Kensuke, and the book's overall themes of kindness, sharing, resilience and enduring friendship.

## Mathematics -

This half term begins with Division, before we build on our earlier learning of Y5 in Fractions and Percentages. We finish with Statistics, where we will be interpreting data such as timetables, and problem solving with Mass and Length. There will be time built in to revise and revisit some concepts from earlier in Y5 to consolidate knowledge and skills ready for Y6.



This half term we continue our learning on Life Cycles – this time focusing on Humans. We will study the different stages and changes that humans experience as they progress through their life, from gestation to late adulthood. This will then link to further learning about exercise and the circulatory system.

**Computing –** Mr Wood will be continuing to teach Computing and will be consolidating and developing the children's knowledge of Microbits to create simple programmes.

#### Religious Education –

Our focus for this half term will be learning about Judaism, and the laws that members of the Jewish faith use to guide them.



# ART/DT -

We have two exciting projects to undertake, both linked to our learning about Ancient Greece. Firstly, we will be exploring how to build a robust structure – learning how to reinforce and strengthen a framework before using it to create our own interpretation of a Greek temple.

In Art, we will be using clay to plan, design and then model a Greek pot. We will explore designs that have survived from Ancient Greece, and develop sculpting and pottery skills such as slabs, coils and slips, before decorating with intricate patterns based on our studies.

**Music -** We will link our Music learning to Greek Gods and Goddesses, using composition and performnace skills.

#### **Physical Education -**

This half term the children will be continuing to develop their Tennis Skills (Mondays with Mrs Ewins) alongside playing Invasion Games (Football) on Tuesdays with Mrs Shaw.



**History** – Our exciting topic for this half term is Ancient Greece. We will be using our Geography skills initially to understand how the Greeks became so powerful, their daily lives and their influence on society, science and language and the continued impact this has in our modern world. Linked to English, we will enjoy learning about the Myths, Legends, Gods and Goddesses and all of the amazing stories and adventures that this civilisation has given us.

#### 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 <u>at least 3x a week for 5-10</u> <u>minutes.</u> This will help them to improve their fluency and comprehension skills. This will also help them to improve their writing skills.

