



Gisburn Road Community Primary School



Summer 1 - April 2026- May 2026

WELCOME BACK CONGO BAY OWLS

Welcome back to the summer term! We are really looking forward to warmer days and lighter evenings. I can't believe how quickly the year is going. It was lovely to see so many of you at the recent parents in class and parents evening. We really appreciate your support.



We hope you have had a restful break and are ready for the last term of Year 5! We have got lots of exciting topics and learning activities planned. We have a great trip planned to Blackpool Zoo to enhance our learning about the climate and animals of the Rainforest.

We are excited to welcome Miss McLaughlin to our year 5 staff team for the summer term.

Remember to keep up to date with our school Facebook page and the class page on the website.

Mrs Holman, Mrs Wood and Miss McLaughlin

PSHE –

In My Happy Mind we will focus on the unit - Engage. The children will learn how to set meaningful goals that matter and how to keep resilient in times of challenge. This module is all about building self-esteem and resilience too.

This half term we will be focusing on being healthy and staying safe. We will look at healthy sleep habits, sun safety, medicines, vaccinations, immunisations and allergies.

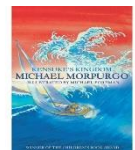
We will be thinking about our personal identity; recognising individuality and different qualities in people. We will also be continuing to think about and work on our mental wellbeing.



English –



In English, we will be reading an Amazon adventure story and working towards writing a chapter of our own. We will focus on the interactions between the characters and key events of the story. We will study the environment of the Amazon and how this has an impact on the adventure the children have. We will also be finding out about deforestation in the Amazon and the effects it has on people and wildlife. We will be writing a speech and taking part in a debate around this theme.



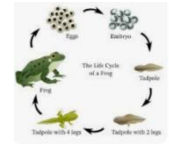
In Guided Reading we will be studying *Kenzuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo.

Mathematics -

This half term we will be focusing on place value, specifically on decimals. We will be revisiting fractions and how to calculate with them. We will continue to work on the four operations and the best methods and strategies for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. We will also be working on statistics with a specific focus on time.

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.



Computing -

This half term the children will create a pixel picture, explaining that a pixel is the smallest element of a digital image and that binary is used to code and transfer data.



Religious Education –

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

ART -

This half term we will be applying our drawing and painting skills and learning new skills with collage and sculpture to create a diorama of the rainforest. For this each child will need to bring a shoe box into school.

Physical Education-

This half term the children will be developing their invasion skills in Hockey and also their net and wall skills in PE. We will try to be outside for PE as much as possible so all children will need an outdoor PE kit and trainers in school.



Geography -

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

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS** : Year 5 have PE on a Tuesday and Thursday this half term. Please ensure your child has both their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school for those days.
- **Home Learning**: This will be given out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday. We will focus on TTRS and spelling. All children now have a login for TT Rockstars, please encourage your child to spend time on this each week.
- **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.

