



## Gisburn Road Community Primary School Autumn Term 1- September to October 2025



### Congo Bay Owls - WELCOME TO YEAR 5



We hope that you have had a fantastic summer break and made lots of memories. We hope your child is ready for a new school year, in upper Key stage 2 now. We intend to make it full of exciting learning experiences including a trip to the theatre and our residential trip to PGL!

Remember to keep up to date with our school Facebook page and the class page on the website. You can send children's home learning via the cohort e-mail address of [burrowingowls@gisburnroad.com](mailto:burrowingowls@gisburnroad.com). If you would like to pass on any urgent information, we will be on the yard each evening but you can also contact the office on 812287; Mrs Barwell will pass on any important information.

**Mrs Holman**



**Mrs Wood**



**Mrs Wilson**

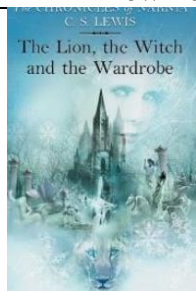


#### **PSHE –**

Across school we have adopted the 'My Happy Mind' curriculum, which is an NHS-backed scheme focusing on creating a culture of positive mental well-being. It gives children the knowledge, skills and tools to thrive in the modern world.

The Autumn term focuses on:

- What our brain looks like and how it helps us make decisions
- The Amygdala, which causes Flight, Fight and Freeze
- Neuroplasticity - How our brain responds and works when we learn something new
- How Happy breathing techniques help to calm



**English -** In English this half term we will be focusing on the text 'The Lion, the Witch and the wardrobe' by C.S.Lewis. During the 'creating interest' part of the narrative unit, children will study evacuation during World War II. Before the 'gathering content' section of the narrative unit, children will have the opportunity to create nonchronological reports based around mythical creatures. After that, children will continue to gather content in order to plan and write an extended narrative based around The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. The mythical creatures created within the non-chronological report section of this publication will feature as central characters within the children's narrative stories

**Mathematics –** This half term we will be working on the place value of numbers up to 10,000 and up to 100,000 and numbers including decimals. We will be revising and extending our methods for addition and subtraction. We will know the names of different angles and begin to learn how to measure them. We are also going to be studying different measure in geometry and how to calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear shape



**Science –** This half term is all about materials and their properties. We will be identifying the properties the materials have and the purpose of those materials. We will think about the suitability of different materials for different jobs. We will look at thermal insulators and carry out investigations and experiments.

**Computing –** Online Safety. Learning about potential online dangers and how to access online communications safely. We will also be looking at search engines

**Religious Education –** The focus this half term is Christianity. We will focus on morals and stories that guide Christians through their life. Our focus question is - 'Why is it sometimes hard to make the right decision?'



**DT-** This half term is a D.T project on cooking and nutrition. The children will explore foods found in a traditional afternoon tea. We will analyse different recipes and then plan and create our own afternoon tea.

**Geography -** This half term we will be studying where foods come from around the world. With a specific focus into how our food gets to our plate, the climates it needs to grow, food miles and fair trade.



**Physical Education –** During this half term, the children will have PE on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. On Tuesdays, we will be learning Athletic Skills and on Wednesdays we will be developing our Gymnastic skills. **The children will need both indoor and outdoor PE kits, as we will be trying to get outside as much as possible.**

**Outdoor and Adventerous –** We shall still be doing lots of our learning outdoors, making the most of our new outdoor sensory garden and the local environment. Please ensure your child brings a coat with them everyday. We won't let a little rain stop our fun filled learning.

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER**

- **PE DAYS : Tuesday and Wednesday** this half term. Children will need both indoor and outdoor kits in school.
- **Home Learning:** Home learning is set on Fridays and should be handed in by the following Thursday. Each week, your child will have spellings to practise, times tables practice and reading homework.
- **Reading:** We love reading! It is still vital that your child reads every day in Year 5. By reading regularly, your child will develop fluency and comprehension skills and improve their writing skills. It would be great if you could encourage your child to read a selection of non fiction texts e.g. instructions, explanations, newspapers and magazine articles as well as fiction.
- **Class Novel –** This half term we shall be sharing 'The Wood Where Magic Grows' by Andy Shepherd

