Gisburn Road Community Primary School
Autumn Term2 - November to December 2026

Laughing Owls –Year 5



We hope that you have had a fantastic half term break. We have had a fantastic time at Robinwood this week and are now back to begin work on our new topics as we make our way to Christmas.

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 laughingowls@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 Bradley and Mrs Mitchell

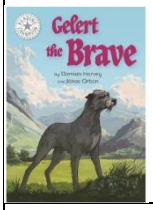
PSHE –

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.

This half term focuses on **'celebrate':**

- building self esteem
- what are our character strengths?
- spotting character strengths in ourselves and others

We will also focus on **safe relationships** and discuss what physical contact is appropriate and feeling safe. We will look at respecting ourselves and others. We will discuss responding respectfully to a wide range of people; recognising prejudice and discrimination.



English - This half term we will be studying different Legends from the British Isles. We will start with exploring a variety of stories such as Robin Hood and the Legend of Finn McCool. we will then move onto a focused study of the story of Gelert. We will work towards writing our own legend based on those we have read.

Maths – This half term we will be starting with mental multiplication and division. We will then move on to written division and multiplication with a focus on area within the multiplication. We will look at fractions, equivalent fractions, order, and compare them. We will also study time and timetables.





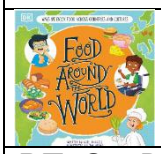
Science – This half term we continue our work on materials. We will look at changing materials and categorise those changes as reversible or irreversible. We will also investigate dissolving and use a range of methods to separate materials.

Computing – In computing, we will be learning about how to use coding to create a soundtrack for a particular genre.





Religious Education – The focus this half term is on Hinduism. We will consider the question, "What might Hindus learn about Krishna?'



Geography - This half term we will be studying 'World Food'. Our focus will be on how our food gets to our plate, the climates it needs to grow, food miles and fair trade.

DT- Our DT topic will link with our geography topic. We will be developing our cooking skills to adapt a traditional recipe.



French – Our topic is French Monster Pets! In our lessons, we will be learning how to pronounce words which have accents and to look at adjective agreement.



Physical Education – During this half term, the children will have PE on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. On Tuesdays, we will be swimming at West Craven swimming pool and on Wednesdays we will be developing our sequences linking ot our DT and Geography topics of food!

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS : Tuesday** and **Wednesday** this half term. On Tuesdays we will be swimming. Children will need an indoor kit for Wednesday's lesson.
- **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.

