Gisburn Road Community Primary School
Autumn Term 2 – November to December 2026

CONGO-BAY OWLS

We hope that you have had a fun break (despite the stormy weather!) and are now ready for the run up to Christmas. Our first half term was a very busy one and we are so pleased with how well the children have settled into Year 6- they have been enthusiastic in all of our learning, showing mature behaviour. This term is packed with fun learning experiences that I hope the children will enjoy. We are starting our advent food bank collection on 9th November so all children have a chance to 'give' (letter sent out with details).
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 congobayowls@gisburnroad.com. I will respond to any emails on Wednesdays. If you would like to pass on any urgent information, I 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 Toor, Mrs Wood, Miss McLaughlin and Mr Wood



PSHE – We will continue our work using the programme 'My Happy Mind'. In this half term, our unit is 'Celebrate'. In this unit, we will be looking at character and how we can use our character strengths to be our best selves. We will talk about our individual character strengths and spot these in ourselves and others.

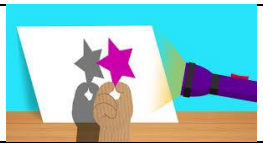
English – In English this half term, our learning will focus on non-fiction texts as part of Non-Fiction November. We will read examples of biographies of a range of famous people and identify how these are written. Our final outcome is to write a biography of Walt Disney.



Our second unit will focus on poetry. We will read a selection of songs with a focus on the lyrics. We will discuss the themes within the poems before writing and performing a poem.

Mathematics – During this half term, we will be focusing on developing our strategies to calculate both mentally and using written methods. We will be looking at fractions including: comparing and ordering; adding and subtracting fractions; finding fractions of amounts and finally multiplication and division.

Science – This half term we will be learning about 'light'. Firstly, we will investigate how light travels and how reflection helps to see behind us. We will learn about how we see things and finally we will investigate how shadows are formed before we plan a fair test investigation to change shadows.



Computing – During this half term, we will begin by focusing on online safety. In our lessons, we will learn how to navigate the internet in an informed, safe and respectful way. Then we will work on coding. In this unit we will investigate how we can write algorithms for a purpose. We will be de-bugging to improve our programs using Logo and Python.

Geography- In Geography, our theme is 'North America. We will use a range of maps and atlases to investigate the countries within the continent. Next, we will investigate and compare the different climates that are found across North America. We will then look at some of the most notable physical and human features and write a leaflet to persuade people why they should visit.





Physical Education – In this half term, the children will have two PE lessons. Our first lesson is gymnastics. In our lessons we will focus on creating sequences which feature different types of balances. Our second weekly lesson is invasion games. We will develop our skills before playing small games of rugby.

Music- During this half term our topic is 'Film music'. In our lessons we will Identify how different styles of music contribute to the feel of a film. Then we will use our body, voice and instruments to create sounds to represent a given theme and finally create a musical score to represent a composition.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS :** We have P.E on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please ensure your child has both their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school for our lessons.
- **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 practise and reading homework.
- **Reading**: We love reading! It is still vital that your child reads every day in Year 6. We have established our reading challenge with children earning rewards based on how mnay times an adult at home has listened to them read and signed their reading diary. By reading regularly your child will develop fluency and comprehension skills and will also help them to improve their writing skills.

