



Gisburn Road Community Primary School Spring Term 2- February to March 2026



WELCOME BACK TO BURROWING OWLS

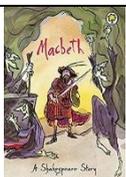


Welcome back to school after the half term. We hope that you've all had a good break. We can't believe that half of the year has already gone! This half term will be another busy one for our Year 6s.

Remember to keep up to date with our school Facebook page, Twitter and the class page on the website. You can send children's home learning via the cohort e-mail address of sootyowls@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 Bradley, Mr Wood and Mrs Mitchell

PSHE – Our Happy Mind unit for this half term is 'Relate'. This theme will teach the children the importance of being able to relate to and get along with others in order to have positive relationships. Through lots of examples and discussion, we will focus on two key skills that will serve them well in relationship building: active listening and stop, understand and consider.



English – In English this half term, we will be looking at an older text: Macbeth by William Shakespeare. We will read several different versions of the story and will investigate the vocabulary used. We will study the characters in detail and look for clues about how they are feeling at key points of the plot. Our final written outcome will be a re-telling of the story.



Mathematics – During this half term, we will be focusing on several different areas of maths in the run up to our End of Key Stage 2 SATs. We will be practising our times tables every day and this is something that you can really make a difference with, by practising at home.

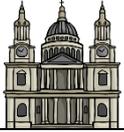
Science – This half term we will be learning about living things and classification. We will build on our work in Year 4 and investigate how animals and plants are classified by their observable features. We will learn about the classification system developed by Carl Linnaeus. Finally, we will be investigating micro-organisms, including a mouldy bread experiment!



Computing – Our Computing topic for this half term is Big Data. In this topic, we will identify how bar codes and QR codes work. We will investigate how infrared waves transmit data and the use of radio-frequency identification (RFID). We will be learning about how data can be safely transferred and look at the difference between mobile and wireless data and how 'big data' is used to improve city life.



Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be focusing on Christianity. Our key enquiry question is "Why do Christians believe that Good Friday is good?" In this topic, we will investigate Christian beliefs about the death and resurrection of Jesus.



Art- Our art theme for this half term is 'architecture'. We will find out about famous architects from different times and cultures and investigate mark making to draw buildings using perspective. We will look at the work of Rowan Leckie and Stephen Wiltshire who produce work based on architecture.

History- We will be continuing to look at the theme of World War 2. We will focus on two key questions **“What caused the mass migration of children during WWII?”** and **“How were local children and families involved?”** We will investigate a range of artefacts and sources to develop our knowledge and understanding of this period of history.



Physical Education – During this half term, the children will have one PE lesson each week (**Tuesdays**). Our lesson will focus on striking and fielding games. We will be working to develop our skills in running, bowling, fielding and batting.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE days :** Burrowing Owls have P.E on **Tuesdays**. Please ensure your child has both their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school for **Tuesdays**.
- **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 6. We have established our reading challenge with children earning rewards based on how many 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. It would be great to encourage your child to read a selection of non fiction texts e.g. instructions, explanations, newspapers and magazine articles as well as fiction.
- **KS2 SATS** will be held from Monday **11th May to Thursday 14th May**.

