



Gisburn Road Community Primary School Summer Term 1- April to May 2026



WELCOME BACK TO BURROWING OWLS

Welcome back to school after a lovely two-week break! We hope that you've all had a great time whether you've been very busy or taken it easy. Here we are in our final term- we know that it is going to be a very busy time with lots of varying emotions as we move towards the end of the year.

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 'Engage'. Through this unit, we will discuss what it takes to feel good; how to use goal setting to support us through transitions such as the move to secondary school and how to make links between setting goals and building our strengths.



We follow the PSHE Association's scheme of work for PSHE. Our Governing Body have made the decision that Sex Education will be taught in Year 6. **This is a non- statutory part of the curriculum and parents can choose to 'opt out' of this section of the curriculum.** On our newsletters we will inform you what is coming up each half term so you are aware and Mrs Bradley will send a consent letter to parents at the appropriate time.

- During this half term, we will focus on Growing and Changing. We will look at how hygiene routines change during puberty and how to manage personal hygiene.

English – In English this half term, our work will be based on the classic poem 'The Lion and Albert'. Firstly, we will read and analyse the poem. We will then make inferences about the characters, providing evidence to support our thoughts. Watch out for our performance of the poem. Our reading will be used to inspire us to write a range of written outcomes, including diary entries, letters and a narrative.



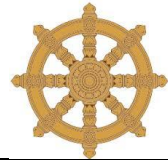
Mathematics – During this half term, we will be focusing on several different areas of maths in the run up to our End of Key Stage 2 SATs. We will be practising our times tables every day and this is something that you can really make a difference with, by practising at home. 😊

Science – This half term we will be completing our topic of living things and classification. Firstly, we will use what we have learned so far about plants and animals to design classification keys using the features of different groups. We will also research micro-organisms before investigating mouldy bread!



Computing – For this half term, we will be focusing on online safety. We will look at the positive and negative impacts of sharing online before learning about how to create a positive online reputation. Throughout the topic, we will discuss the importance of using secure passwords and extend our knowledge of strategies to capture evidence of online bullying to seek help.

Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be focusing on the religion of Buddhism. Our key question is, 'What do we mean by a 'good' life? We will look at the life of Prince Siddhartha and learn about how Buddhists choose to live their lives following the eight-fold path.



Art- Our art topic for this half term is 'Portraits'. We will be looking at work from a selection of artists including Frida Kahlo and Leonardo da Vinci. In this unit, we will study the composition of different portraits and develop our painting skills before we produce a self-portrait.



History- We have enjoyed our evacuation topic very much and are keen to get started on our new theme. Our focus is on justice and equality. Throughout this topic, we will be using different sources to look at the Pendle Witch trials. In particular we will focus on Jennet Device and the different interpretations there are about her.

Was she an innocent child who was easily manipulated, or was she a cunning witch?



Physical Education – During this half term, the children will have two PE lessons each week (Wednesdays and Fridays). In our first unit, we will be looking at developing attacking and defending skills in a range of invasion games and we will also develop our understanding of good teamwork. Our second lesson will focus on striking and fielding skills leading up to paying rounders.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE days** : Burrowing Owls have P.E on **Wednesdays and Fridays** . Please ensure your child has both their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school for those days.
- **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.**

Monday 11th May: GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling)

Tuesday 12th May: Reading

Wednesday 13th May: Arithmetic and Reasoning Paper 1

Thursday 14th May: Reasoning Paper 2

