



Gisburn Road Community Primary School Summer Term 2- June to July 2026



WELCOME BACK TO BURROWING OWLS



Welcome back to school after our final break of the year. We can't believe how quickly this year has gone! We hope that you've all had a great time during the holiday, whatever you've done. In this final half term, we hope to continue to plan fun activities and experiences that your child will remember long after they have left Gisburn Road.

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 burrowingowls@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.

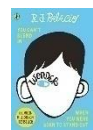
Mrs Bradley, Mrs Mitchell and Mr Wood

PSHE – As of September 2020, this is now a statutory subject for all Primary and Secondary Schools. Here at GRCPS we have always taught PSHE on our timetable. We are now following 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.

Here is what your child will be learning about this half term-Health and Well-being. Our major focus will be on 'growing and changing' as well as preparing for the move to secondary school.

- to recognise some of the changes as they grow up e.g. increasing independence
- about how relationships may change as they grow up or move to secondary school
- identify the links between love, committed relationships and conception
- what sexual intercourse is, and how it can be one part of an intimate relationship between consenting adults
- how pregnancy occurs i.e. when a sperm meets an egg and the fertilised egg settles into the lining of the womb
- that pregnancy can be prevented with contraception
- about the responsibilities of being a parent or carer and how having a baby changes someone's life

English – In English this half term, we will be completing our work on 'The Lion and Albert' classic poem. We will then be focusing on the text 'Wonder' by R J Palacio. We will develop our understanding of the text to inspire us to write a range of written outcomes, including diary entries, a biography and poetry.



Mathematics – During this half term, we will be focusing on a range of themes to revisit many of the skills and knowledge we have covered in Key Stage 2 and Year 6.

Science and DT – This half term we will be learning about electricity and build on our learning from Year 4. We will investigate how by changing the components in a circuit, changes occur. We will learn how to draw diagrams to represent our circuits using recognised symbols. We are lucky to have a STEM science workshop in school on Tuesday 9th June as part of our learning.



Computing – Our Computing topic for this half term is 'history of computers'. In this unit, we will record, edit and add sound effects to a radio play. We will then research how computers have changed over time and their impact. We will present our results to the class.

History- In History, we will be completing our Pendle Witch topic. We will use a range of sources to gather information about the people who were accused of being witches and consider whether their execution was justified?



Religious Education – In R.E, the children will be focusing on the religion of Christianity. Our key question is How do Christians mark the 'turning points' on the journey of life?



Geography- We will be studying the local area this half term. During this topic, we will focus on how land is used in Barnoldswick and the economic activity within the town. We will be using a range of maps to develop our mapping skills throughout our lessons.



Physical Education – During this half term, the children will have two PE lessons each week (Wednesdays and Fridays). One of our lessons will be invasion games and develop netball skills. The second lesson is striking and fielding. In our lessons, we will complete a range of skills and activities using team-work and tactics.



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.

Diary Dates:

Week beginning 15th June: Bikeability
Tuesday 7th July 6pm: Cinderella Rockerfella
Thursday 9th July 6:00-7:30pm: Beach party (VIP area)
Friday 10th July 5:00-6:30pm: Pizza Express
Wednesday 15th July to Thursday 16th July: York residential
Friday 17th July 2:15pm: Leavers' assembly
Monday 20th July: 1:15pm Y6 Lap of Honour