



Gisburn Road Community Primary School Summer Term 2- June to July 2024



WELCOME BACK TO PYGMY 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 screechowls@gisburnroad.com. I will respond to any emails on Mondays. 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 and Mrs 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 focusing on the text 'Wonder' by R J Palacio. We have enjoyed reading the text so far and 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 continuing our electricity topic. We will complete our investigations into changing circuits and then apply our knowledge to design and make a fairground ride.



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 investigating The Viking invasion. Were they really brutal and vicious warriors?
During the topic, we will use a range of sources to develop our enquiry skills.



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 (Mondays and Fridays). One of our lessons will be invasion games and develop netball skills. The second lesson is team-building. In our lessons, we will complete problem-solving activities using team-work and co-operation.



THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE days : Pygmy Owls** have P.E on **Mondays** 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:

Tuesday 18th June 5:00pm : Parents meeting for York residential

Monday 1st July to Tuesday 2nd July: York residential visit

Tuesday 9th July 6:00pm: Year 6 performance- I'm an 11 Year Old- get me out of here!

Wednesday 10th July 6:00-7:30pm: Beach Party with Year 6 VIP area!

Thursday 18th July 2:00pm : Leavers' Assembly

Thursday 18th July: Mario's Leavers' Meal (Time TBC)

Monday 22nd July: 1:15pm Lap of Honour