



Gisburn Road Community Primary School
Spring Term 2
February – April 2023



SPRING 2 WITH THE LAUGHING OWLS

Welcome back to Year 1! I can't believe we are already halfway through the year. Let's keep up the hard work through this half term.



To keep up to date with what is going on in school and any parent sessions we would like you to attend, please visit our school Facebook page or follow the link below which takes you to our 'What's on' calendar <https://www.gisburnroad.com/CALENDAR>. You will also receive letters with the details on too. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me via the cohort e-mail address of laughingowls@gisburnroad.com which will be checked on a Tuesday. For any urgent / important information, please contact the school office on 812287 or catch us in the yard. The rest of this newsletter will let you know what pupils will be learning about in Year 1 this half term.

Miss Phipps, Mrs Wheeler & Mrs Berger

PSHE

Our Spring Term units will all be focussed on
For the next 6 weeks, we will be learning:

- The benefits of using the internet and digital devices.
- How people find things out and communicate safely with others online.
- That everyone has different strengths, in and out of school.
- About how different strengths and interests are needed to do different jobs.
- About people whose job it is to help us in the community.
- About different jobs and the work people do.

English



In English this half term we shall be looking at both traditional tales and recounts. First, we will be reading The Princess and the Pea. We will be retelling this story and changing details to make the story our own.

After that, we will be recounting a family event. Each child will be retelling an event that they have experienced. I can't wait to read about their adventures!



Mathematics

The mathematics units we are studying this half term are:

Measurement – Measuring and recording length and mass using standard units of measurement (grams/metres).

Addition and Subtraction – Adding and Subtracting 1-digit and 2-digit numbers and solving calculation problems.

Fractions – Recognising, finding, and naming halves and quarters.

Geometry – Describing whole and half turns and describing position and direction.

Time – Telling the time to the hour and half hour.

Science

In science we will be learning all about the weather and the 4 seasons. We will be building on our knowledge from our science learning in Autumn, where we learnt about the seasons of Autumn and Winter. This time it will be all about the changes that we see and experience during Spring and Summer!



Computing

In Computing, we will be exploring Bee-Bots. We will create an explanatory video, explaining how to use bee-bots and move on to programming the bee-bots to reach an exact destination with our instructions.



Religious Education Our unit this half term is Judaism. We will explore Jewish beliefs about God, with a focus on why religious people put their trust in God and how this might be expressed.

Art

In art we will be exploring the style of collage. We will be using lots of different techniques such as painting, layering paper and adding fabric to our work. Eventually, we will be putting our hard work together to make one large collaborative piece – the bed from *The Princess and the Pea*!



Physical Education

On our Monday PE sessions, we will be using the Toy Story as a theme for our Dance unit. Pupils will create sequences conveying the emotions and actions of the characters and work on their collaboration skills.

On Friday we are very lucky to have an instructor from Burnley Football Club! He will continue to develop our team work, determination and practice our fundamental movement skills.

Phonics

We have been working our way through the Phase 5 phonemes this year and pupils are working really hard to learn all of the sounds and use these in their reading and writing – I am so impressed! All pupils have a reading book based on the phonemes that they have learnt and can remember. Reading with your child at home has a huge impact on their Phonics learning, which is an integral part of the Year 1 curriculum. Thank you to all who are reading frequently! I am asking children to read at least times a week if possible; the progress pupils make in this area with your help is amazing.

A group of pupils are also currently revisiting previously learnt Phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs in a group with Mrs Wheeler twice a week.

History

In our History lessons, we will be studying the recent past, including the Royal Family and King Charles III, and then finding out about our own families—we will be asking pupils to bring in old photographs of family members and themselves, so watch out for that letter! We also hope to invite parents into class to make a family tree.



THINGS TO REMEMBER

PE Days: We will now be doing PE on Mondays and Fridays. As we head into Spring, PE will be outdoors more often and children will need trainers and a warm outdoor kit (any tracksuit) as well as an indoor kit. PE kits should stay in school all week.

Home Learning: Home learning will be sent home on a Friday and should be completed for the following Thursday. This will include an English task and a Maths task. Please feel free to send any of your child's creative learning that they would like to study more of to laughingowls@gisburnroad.com.

Reading: Your child should read and discuss their reading book at least 3x a week for 5-10 minutes. This will help them to improve their fluency and comprehension skills, which will also help them to improve their writing skills. Please ensure home reading records and books are in school daily as we do also try to read with pupils as often as we can.