



Welcome back Pygmy Owls



We hope that you have had a safe and relaxing time over the Christmas holidays and enjoyed some time with your families. We have a busy term ahead that we are looking forward to.

Remember to keep up to date with our school FaceBook page and the class page on the website. You can send children's Home Learning via the cohort email address of pygmydowls@gisburnroad.com. Whilst school is open and I am in class teaching, I will respond to any emails on Friday. If you would like to pass on any urgent information I will be on the Year 5 yard each evening but you can also contact the office on 812287 Mrs Barwell will pass on any important information. Thank you

Mrs Whittaker and Mrs Wood

PSHE:

This term we will be working on the theme of 'Living in the wider world'. This half term we will be focusing on the environment and investigating the following:

- how resources are allocated and the effect this has on individuals, communities and the environment
- the importance of protecting the environment and how everyday actions can either support or damage it
- how to show compassion for the environment, animals and other living things
- about the way that money is spent and how it affects the environment
- to express their own opinions about their responsibility towards the environment

We will also make links with our computing lessons and the need for safety online and the content we are presented with.

English:

In English this half term we will be studying the genre of Science Fiction. We will be reading a variety of texts and short stories and identifying the key features. We will be analysing what makes a good science fiction story before writing our own short story based on the text 'The Alien Landing'. In the second half of the term we will be reading and examining Newspaper reports; the layout, structure and key features. We will then use our knowledge from our Science fiction unit and our science work on Earth and Space to write a Newspaper report of our own.

Mathematics:

In maths we will be continuing our place value work, looking at negative numbers. We will develop our written and mental calculations for multiplication. In measure we will be focusing on length, mass and capacity. We will be also studying angles, and the reflection and translation of shapes. We will also be continuing our work on becoming more efficient and fluent in our four operations.

Science:

This half term we will be studying the solar system. We will look at the orbit of the Earth and Moon. We will understand how night and day are created. We will learn about the different planets and compare them. We will make models and diagrams to explain how the solar system works. We will also study the apparent movement of the sun and how this affects shadows.

Computing:

This half term we will start with internet safety- focusing on the importance of passwords, how to create them and why we shouldn't share them. We will then move on to programming music and creating a short programme that we can edit and improve,

Religious Education:

This half term we are studying the religion of Islam. We will be focusing on the five pillars of Islam and their importance.

ART:

This half term we will be looking at art in nature and developing our sketching skills. We will then study the work of William Morris and use his inspiration to make prints of our work.

Music:

This half term we will be working on a unit from Music Express all about the Solar System. It will include; Listening to music with focus and analysing using musical vocabulary, relating sound sequences to images and interpreting images to create descriptive sound sequences.

Physical Education:

This half term we will be focusing on gymnastics and use the apparatus to demonstrate rolls, travels and jumps.

Modern Foreign Languages:

We will continue to work on our Spanish greetings and key phrases fortnightly with Miss Atwood-Jones.

Geography: This half term we will be linking closely with our PSHE work and looking at climate change and sustainability and what we can do to help.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS** : Year 5 have PE on a Wednesday and Friday this half term
- **Home Learning:** This will be given out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday,
- **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. This will also help them to improve their writing skills.