



Welcome to EYFS!

We hope you've all had a lovely summer and are looking forward to the year ahead in EYFS! The children have all settled in wonderfully - they have picked up the routines quickly and are all making new friends. Our half termly newsletter outlines our curriculum focus for the half term and sets out key reminders. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to catch us on the door or, alternatively, you can send an email:

s.grainger@harris.lancs.sch.uk c.livesey@harris.lancs.sch.uk Many thanks, Mrs Grainger and Mrs Livesey

Communication & Language

Pre-School

This half term, Pre-School will be focusing on listening to stories and singing a large repertoire of songs.

Reception

As we all get to know each other this half term, we will be focusing on participating in small group discussions, building confidence to talk about ourselves. We will work on our listening skills and responding appropriately.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Pre-School

This half term, we will be focusing on our sharing and turn-taking skills and having a go at an adult-led activity.

Reception

This half term we will be focusing on the topic 'Me & My Relationships'. We will look at what makes us special, who can help us and understanding our feelings.

Physical Development

Pre-School

We will focus on daily fine and gross motor skills and starting our Dough Disco journey. In PE, we will be focusing on fundamental movement skills and following instructions.

Reception

We will work on our fine and gross motor skills, daily. In PE, we will be focusing on fundamental movement skills, following instructions and games.

Literacy

Pre-School

This half term, we will be learning to join in with stories and rhymes and beginning to develop our phonological awareness.

Reception

This half term will see an introduction of Phonics and applying our new knowledge to reading and our mark making and writing. We will enjoy stories about starting school and what makes us who we are.

Maths

Pre-School

This half term we will be focusing on counting up to 5. We will also be looking at subitise numbers up to 3 and looking at positional language.

Reception

This half term will be introducing Numberland! The children will be looking at numbers 1-5 in depth and creating a Numberland Town. We will also be looking at 2D shapes.

Understanding the World

Pre-School

This half term we will be looking at ourselves and our families, focusing on the differences between different people.

Reception

We will be looking at people around us and their roles in society in the past and present. We will start to look at what makes a community.

Expressive Art & Design

Pre-School

This half term we will take part in simple pretend play, using an object to represent something else even though they are not similar. We will also look at showing different emotions in our drawings and paintings.

Reception

This half term, we will be creating self-portraits! Each week, we will focus on different features of our face.

Reminders

What to bring – Please can all children bring a water bottle, bag and coat to school each day.

Water Bottles – Water bottles **must** be named. Children often have the same/similar bottles, which makes identifying their own bottle difficult.

Book Bags – Please can you ensure your child brings their Harris book bag/ own Pre-School bag to school every day. This must be clearly labelled with their name.

Spare Clothes – If you think your child is likely to have some toileting accidents, please send a set of spare named clothes in their bag each day.

PE – PE is on Friday mornings. Reception children should come into school in their PE kit (Pre-School to wear their usual Pre-School uniform). Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed or covered up. Please name your child's PE kit and trainers.

Wellies and Waterproofs – The children are invited to bring in a pair of wellies, which will remain in school. You are also welcome to send in a set of waterproofs for your child. Please ensure you have named your child's wellies and waterproofs.

Fruit and Milk – If your child would like milk at snack time and you have not already done so, please sign up to Cool Milk (<https://coolmilk.com/parents/>) to ensure your child is on our milk list. We have various fruit on offer at snack time but your child is also welcome to bring one small snack from home. The snack must be healthy and must **NOT** contain nuts.

Names – *Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles, shoes and book bags. Children can become upset when they cannot find their own belongings and all the jumpers/cardigans look the same!*