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| **HARRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL**  **Be Kind • Be Thankful • Be Ambitious** | Year 5 Newsletter  Autumn 1st Half 2024 |  |
| **Welcome**  Firstly, I would like to say welcome back after the summer holidays and welcome to Year 5, I hope you have all had a lovely, well-earned break and are ready and revived for the half-term ahead. As usual, it is a really busy half term, especially when getting to know new classes, teachers, children, rules and routines. I would just like to say to parents and carers that my door is always open and I am available to discuss any concerns or address any queries you may have about your child. Secondly, we have our super exciting residential visit in this half term, something that I am particularly excited about. It is a lovey opportunity to try new things, push our boundaries and learn things about ourselves that we might not have known – I guarantee the children will love it and will be excited o tell you all about it (after they have gotten over their tiredness)!  Myself and Mrs Joel are really looking forward to the year ahead and getting to know the children and watch them flourish throughout the year. | | |
| **English**  Our theme for this half term is ‘A Kingdon United’. We will be starting off looking at various legends from around the UK and using the grammar skills we have learnt to write our own twist on a popular legend. | **Maths**  Marvellous Maths - The Purbeck SchoolWe will begin this half term looking at place value to 3 decimal places, being able to read, write, compare and order the numbers in lists and to place them on number lines in order to round them. We will also cover work on negative numbers, Roman numerals and some addition and subtraction. | **Science**  **Forces** |
| **Guided Reading**  The children will have Guided Reading for approximately 20 minutes every day. The children will work in groups with an adult, independently on either pre-reading or follow up tasks, on the iPads to practice comprehension and one group will also have the opportunity to sit in the reading area and read a book of their choice for pleasure. | **History**  **The Vikings vs The Anglo-Saxons** | **Computing**  . |
| **DT**  **Sculpture** | **PE**  PE will take place on a Monday afternoon with Mr Ridge.  This half term will be focussed on football and gymnastics skills. | **French**  **As-tu un animal?**  We will be learning the names of various animals that are commonly kept as pets. We will be playing lots of games in order to help us. |
| **RE**  **Hindu dharma** | **PSHE**  **Relationships and learning about our brain**  This year we will be using a programme called My Happy Mind to help us really get to know the science behind how the brain works and different ways to help us control and understand our feelings and emotions | **Music** |

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| **Reminders**  **Names** – Please remember to write/stick your child’s name on all their belongings, including water bottles and P.E. jackets. It really helps when things go missing!  **PE** – Mr Ridge will be teaching the children PE skills on Monday afternoons. The children should come to school in their PE kit on Mondays. Earring should **not** be worn for P.E. If they are unable to be removed due to being newly pierced, please make sure the children have some form of tape to cover them for safety reasons.  **Homework** – Homework will be given in the form of a homework menu sent home each half term. The children can choose from the activities provided in order to complete roughly 2 pieces of work each week. Please feel free to either email work across to myself [h.draper@harris.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:h.draper@harris.lancs.sch.uk) or to bring it in to class when completed, exercise books can be provided if necessary. I really enjoy seeing what the children have been up to out of school  **Year 5 residential to PGL** - Mr Price will hold an Outward Bound (Ullswater) Parent's Information Meeting on Monday, 22nd January 2024 in the Year 6 classroom at 15:30. This will last around half an hour and will answer any questions you may have. | |
| **Reading at Home**  Please make sure you continue to read on a regular basis. Children have access to change their books when necessary. Reading records will be checked on a Monday to ensure the children are reading at home – the more times the merrier! | **Homework**  The next half termly homework menu will be sent home, homework can be completed on paper or in books and handed in or emailed through to myself. There was some fantastic work produced last half-term and I look forward to seeing what is to come this time. The weekly spelling list will all be saved on the website spellingcity.com (unless your child has an individualised set) and extra Maths can be practised on Times Table Rock Stars and IXL.  The log in for Spelling City is: [www.spellingcity.com/users/Harrisfive](http://www.spellingcity.com/users/Harrisfive)  There is no password for the children, if the address is typed exactly, it will log straight on to the site.  Homework |