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| **HARRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL**  **Be Kind • Be Thankful • Be Ambitious** | Year 5 Newsletter  Autumn 2nd Half 2024 |  |
| **Welcome**  Welcome back after the half-term break. I hope you all had a well-earned rest and are ready for the term ahead – it’s going to be a busy one! We have some exciting topics to study this term such as the Mayans, our class assembly is approaching and obviously the festive period is just around the corner. Please find details below of some of the areas covered in Autumn 2. | | |
| **English**  Oliver Twist by Gill Tavner (Adapter) â€º Visit Amazon's Gill Tavner Page  search results for this author Gill Tavner (Adapter), Charles Dickens  (Illustrated, 25 Nov 2007) Paperback: Amazon.co.uk: BooksOur theme for this half term is ‘Food, Glorious Food!’. We will be starting off looking at stories with historical settings, focussing mainly on Oliver Twist. Towards the end of the half term, we will also be focussing on play and film scripts and some poetry. | **Maths**  Marvellous Maths - The Purbeck SchoolWe will begin this half term looking at multiplication and division and moving on to fractions, decimals and percentages. This half term will also involve calculating area and application of multiplication. We will also be looking at time, in particular in relation to time tables and solving problems. | **Science**  **How can we test material properties?**  We will be looking at different materials and their properties and exploring different ways of testing them for their suitability for different tasks. Chocolate teapot? |
| **Guided Reading**  The children will have Guided Reading for 20 minutes every day. The children will work in groups with an adult, independently on either pre-reading or follow up tasks, practicing comprehension skills 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 Mayans**  Ancient Arborists - The Mayans | Future Tree HealthWe will be learning about the Mayan civilisation, including: where and when it was; who are the key individuals; daily life; food and drink, culture and things they created. We will also be drawing links to other civilisations the children have previously been taught and comparing to what life was like in Britain at the time. | **Computing**  **Animation**  Children will be using the Animate Me app to create character interviews with characters we have been studying this half term. |
| **DT**  **Textiles**  We will be linking our DT work to our History topic on the Mayans. We will research Mayan worry dolls and be creating our own versions. Any fabric to donate would be much appreciated! | **PE**  PE will take place on a Monday afternoon with Mr Ridge  This half term will be looking at badminton and gymnastics | **French**  **What is the date?**  We will be learning how to say names of months of the year, days of the weeks and how to answer questions about significant dates. |
| **RE**  **Islam – The Qur’an**  Why is the Qur’an important to Muslims?  We will be looking into rules that we follow and ask how the Qur’an provides guidance to Muslims and how the live their lives. | **PSHE**  **My Happy Mind - Celebrate**  This unit involves recognising different character aspects, what makes us unique and how using the knowledge of our brains can help us to strengthen and develop the characteristics we want to display. | **Music**  **60s and 70s music**  The children will be focussing on and listening to music from the 60s and 70s, how it is composed and the changes from the music of the previous decades |

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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. Hair below shoulder length should be tied back for safety reasons.  **Class Novel** – We will be starting to read an abridged version of Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens and link this to our English unit on stories with historical settings. Every day the children will have the next part of the story read to them and discuss interesting vocabulary from the chapter. Please encourage your child to tell you what has happened in the story that day. It will be a great way to recall what has been read to them.  **Homework** – Last half term, the children produced some amazing work from the homework menu. Thank you for your time and support with homework, it is lovely to see what the children can create in their own time! Please continue to either email work across to myself or to bring it in to class when completed.  **Class assembly** – Our class assembly will take place on Thursday 7th November 2024. | |
| **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 daily to ensure the children are reading at home – the more times the merrier! We are recording who has read with an adult at home, the class with the most home reading receives green orbs to hopefully win the treat for the half-term. Please help us by signing your child’s reading record regularly – it only counts if an adult has signed their books! | **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 |