



We hope you had a wonderful half term. The children have settled back into our routines well and have been introduced to our Rainbow Challenges in our provision. 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 understanding 'why' questions and using a wider range of vocabulary.

Reception

We will be building confidence to share and offer our own ideas as well as offering ideas in response to group work.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Pre-School

This half term, we will be focusing on understanding our own feelings and developing our sense of responsibility and membership of a community.

Reception

This half term we will be focusing on the topic 'Valuing Difference'. We will look at how families are all different but equally special, along with what makes us a caring friend.

Physical Development

Pre-School

We will continue to focus on daily fine and gross motor skills, including Dough Disco. In PE, we will be continuing to focus on fundamental movement skills and following instructions.

Reception

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

Literacy

Pre-School

This half term, we will be retelling stories through role play and small world. We will also be continuing to focus on our mark making skills.

Reception

We will continue working through Phase 2 phonics, applying our knowledge of segmenting to spell and blending to read, along with continuing to recognise our Phase 2 tricky words.

Maths

Pre-School

This half term we will be focusing on reciting numbers past 5 and learning that the last number reached is the total amount.

Reception

We will deepen our understanding of numbers 6 – 10. We will also begin to understand positional language, money and simple addition and subtraction.

Understanding the World

Pre-School

This half term we will be looking at different religious celebrations, including Diwali and Christmas, and we will also be exploring seasons and our senses.

Reception

We will be exploring the Hindu celebration of Diwali. We will then move on to explore the Nativity story and begin to practise our Nativity play! We will also begin to look at the changing seasons.

Expressive Art & Design

Pre-School

This half term we will begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses, etc. We will also be exploring different materials freely, to develop our ideas about how to use them and what to make.

Reception

We will create our own rangoli patterns using rice. We will also be creating autumnal pictures using mixed media.

Reminders

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

Colder Weather – With the colder weather coming in, please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat each day. Your child may also bring a hat, scarf and gloves. Please **NAME** each item.

Water Bottles – Water bottles **must** be **named**. Children often have the same/similar bottles, which makes identifying their own bottle difficult, meaning they often end up drinking from the wrong bottle.

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.

Phonics Folders (Reception only) – Phonics folders must come back into school on Wednesdays, they will then be sent back home with the new learning added to them, on Fridays.