

HARRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a peaceful Christmas. Here's to a healthy and happy 2025.

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English

This half-term, our class text will be *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell and we will use this to inspire us to write our own survival / adventure story.

Maths

This half-term, we will identify, represent and partition numbers; round whole numbers and decimal numbers; compare and order positive and negative numbers; plot in all 4 quadrants; translate and reflect shapes; multiply and divide fractions.

Science

Our Science topic is **Evolution and Inheritance** and our key investigation question is *Have living things always been like this?*

Guided Reading/Spelling

The children will have Guided Reading every day where they will either work with an adult, work in a group or read independently. We will spend time with a range of different books and texts, really digging into vocabulary, making inferences and using evidence to support our thinking.

History

taught by Mrs Hunt on Tuesdays

The Tudors

We will explore how the War of the Roses led to the reign of the Tudor monarchy. We will then investigate the character and reign of King Henry VIII and test the common interpretation of him through source enquiry. We will also compare how some people in today's society mirror that of Elizabeth I's desire which was to control her image through portraits which present an image of power and success.

French

Regular Verbs / phonetiques

We will learn a selection of the key phonemes to facilitate accurate and authentic pronunciation as part of our French language learning experience.

PE

This term, PE will take place on a Thursday afternoon and Mr Ridge will be teaching **netball** and **WW2 dance**.

Art

Printing: Tudor textiles and prints
Drawing inspiration from the works of Alex Katz and William Morris, we will create a repeating piece of print artwork linked to our History topic on The Tudors.

Music

taught by Mr Baines on Tuesdays
Electronic Dance Music

Key person – Cascada (Natalie Horler)

RE

What is Hajj and why is it important to Muslims?

We will continue to explore our key question *Is life like a journey?* and we will explore the Five Pillars of Islam and how these beliefs and values impact the life of a Muslim.

PSHE

Keeping Myself Safe

We will explore being responsible and respectful when interacting with others online and face-to-face. We will also be visited by some pupils from Broughton High School and Fulwood Academy who will share their ideas about being responsible and safe online.

Computing

We will continue last term's work exploring **greenscreen** and **word processing, presentation and app design**

Reminders

End of KS2 SATs

The statutory KS2 tests are timetabled from Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May 2025 as follows:

- Monday 12th May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
- Tuesday 13th May: English Reading paper
- Wednesday 14th May: Maths paper 1 (Arithmetic) & Maths paper 2 (Reasoning)
- Thursday 15th May: Maths paper 3 (Reasoning)

It is always my aim to make the preparation for the SATs tests as stress-free as possible and I believe it is not in the best interests of the children to do endless practice papers as many schools do; rather I prepare the class through a rich, engaging and varied curriculum and by providing them with opportunities to answer SATs type questions in their lessons. I have told the children that the SATs are nothing to feel worried about and that the tests simply provide an opportunity to show off how good they all are.

SATs meeting for Y6 parents

On Wednesday 5th February at 3:30pm, I will hold a **SATs meeting** for parents in the Y6 classroom. The aim of the meeting will be to let you know as much as possible about what your child can expect from the SATs tests and how you can support your child in the weeks running up to the tests. After the meeting, I will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Homework - We have bought for every Y6 pupil **CGP English and Maths SATs question books** which will be sent home this week. **Every week, I will send out page numbers via School Spider for the class to complete at home.** These books do not have to be handed-in as the answers are included (the children and you may mark the work) but if you would like me to mark them for your child I certainly will.

PE – This term, PE will take place on Thursday afternoon and the children should come to school in their Harris PE clothing on Thursdays.

Healthy Snacks – Remember that any snacks sent into school for morning breaktime must be healthy snacks and not crisps / chocolate / sweets. Children may have fruit, cereal bars or something similar. Thank you.

Reading at Home - Please make sure your child reads on a regular basis. Please use the Reading Records to jot down what your child has read at home and any comments you would like to pass on. Your child will be heard by a member of staff in Year 6 at least twice a week.

Reading Records should be **brought to school every day** so they can be checked and stamped.

