

Well, that first term has flown bye. The children are doing amazing at getting stuck into all our new topics. We are all looking forward to diving straight into the spring term and enjoying all the new challenges we may face. Most importantly being kind and having fun along the way. Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask on the door or you can email myself during school hours s.vella@harris.lancs.sch.uk

Mrs Vella

English

This half term, we have an exciting unit based around the theme of traditional tales. For the first few weeks our focus text will be Diamonds and Toads by Charles Perrault. After the reading phase, we will write our own version of the story.

Later in the half term, we will research and gather facts about family events to create our own invites and write a recount of a party or event we have planned.



Maths

This half term we will be expanding our learning in place value and 2D shape and 3D shapes. We will also be looking into mass. We will be broadening our knowledge on money and how to count money. Children will be able to practice using the play money in our role play area which will be the year 1 shop. Towards the end of the half term we will be introducing multiplication and division. We will be looking at finding the half of a number.

Phonics/Reading

We have recently moved children along the phases with their books to give more of a challenge. Please read as often as possible at home with your child and make a brief comment in their reading record. Your child will come home with 2 home reading books on their selected book changing day. We recommend the following:

- One night your child reads one book to decode and apply their phonic knowledge to read any new, unfamiliar words. Parents can read parts of the book too to help.
- The next night, re-read the same book. Your child should be able to read this more confidently and develop a better understanding of the book.
- Repeat with your child's second book.

Each child has been allocated a day which their books will be changed. Feel free to ask us when their day is. Please ensure their reading books are in school every day.

Geography

In Geography, we will be looking into the United Kingdom. We will be researching the different capital cities within the country. We will be learning and finding out about some of the famous landmarks within the capital cities. The children will be looking to label the United Kingdom and creating a model of the 4 cities we learn about.



Science

Science this half term is learning about the human body. We will be looking into the different bones we have within the skeleton and even using some songs to help us remember. Children will be researching the different senses that the human body has and how they help us in everyday life.



Computing

We will be using the app Pic Collage to create our own animations using the characters out of our fairy tale story in English.



PE

Mr Ridge will be teaching PE every Wednesday afternoon this year. The children will be practicing dance and different ways of rolling a ball.

If this ever changes, you will be notified on School Spider or Google Classroom.

PSHE

Meet your brain

We will be using My Happy Mind journals to work on the Appreciate module and looking into what things we appreciate the most.



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Christianity
Church

How might some people show that they
'belong' to God?

Art

In art, we will be looking at two significant figures of Andy Warhol and Pablo Picasso. We will be looking at our faces and features and creating our own using paper plates and paints. We will research Pablo Picasso and what type of art he is famous for. The children will explore different mediums throughout this topic.



French

We will use the Language Angels programme to teach the boys and girls colours and numbers in French.

Reminders

Reading – As a whole school we are monitoring the amount children are reading at home. The new reading record should be filled in and signed every time you read which ideally is every day. The new format of the reading record does make it more apparent to those who don't read at home as much as they should or even at all. Let's try to have a big push on reading at home even if it just a couple of pages. Data on the amount of children reading is being monitored weekly.

Google Classroom- We have now managed to create all the Google classroom accounts and passwords and these can be found in your child's reading record. You should only need to log in once on the device. Here is where you can message the teacher and find all Year 1 homework, messages, support materials, newsletters etc. The Year 1 class code is [ak5fzfg](#)

Homework- Homework is set each half term. There will be a range of activities linked to what we are learning in class. Green challenges are quick and the easiest and dark red are longer projects that may take some time. You can photograph all tasks when they have been completed and 'turn it in' to evidence that the task has been complete. It is not expected that all tasks are completed but that you have a selection of tasks that suits your child and your home-life.

Spellings – The children will be given a set of spellings at the beginning of half term. They will need to be practicing them regularly at home and during school. They will be given a homework book in their book bags to practice in. We will then collect the spelling books at the end of half term to review learning at home and set new spellings for the following half term.

Wellies – We love to use our outdoor area during the wetter, colder months. To keep school shoes clean, we ask that your child has a pair of wellies in school for when it gets muddy. These are kept inside the long blue bench under our classroom window. Should you need them back for weekend walks, you will be able to grab them whenever is necessary.

Book Bags/Reading Packs – The children will need their book bags and reading packs in school every day. Please ensure their bag is clearly named and avoid attaching large keyrings because they struggle to fit them into their trays.

Names – Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles (and for some children, socks!).

PE – Mr Ridge will teach the children PE on a Wednesday afternoon. Your child should come to school wearing the new PE Kit- plain white t-shirt, navy shorts/joggers and navy zipped jacket.

Coats & Outdoor Learning – We like to go outside, whatever the weather. Please ensure your child has a suitable coat in school every day.

Book Vote- We love reading at Harris Primary School. Every day the children have the opportunity to use their named peg to vote for a book to enjoy at the end of each day.

Fruit and Milk- Please check with your child if they would like to have milk. One or two children are insisting they no longer want it and some would like it but they're not on our current milk list. Please speak to the office staff if your child would like milk or if you would like to cancel it.

School lunches- Thank you to those who have already used our new lunch booking system. Please ensure that you have selected your child's meal for each day and you can pre book these in advance for the ½ term.