

Welcome back to Year 2!

I hope you have all had a nice break and are excited for the next half term on the lead up to the Christmas break. As well as lots of exciting topics we have the nativity to rehearse for and perform.

English

We begin with our unit Twisted Tales where we look at traditional fairy tales before looking at twisting them and mixing them up to make our own unique tales.

Our non fiction unit is Fighting Fit which ties in with our Science unit on stay fit and healthy.

Cursive handwriting with leading lines in and out:

Revise: i l t u j y c f e s g

Learn b h k m p r v w x z



Maths

Our units this half term are: Counting, multiplication and sorting, Statistics, Fractions, Capacity and Volume, Money and Time.

Please feel free to revise and teach telling the time over this half term before we get to this final unit. Already knowing O'clock, half past and quarter to and past would stand them in great stead.



Science

How do we be healthy and grow?

Building on from our unit about animals we will recap what humans need to survive and notice that humans have offspring that grow into adults. We will look at ways to keep fit and healthy and that medicines can be useful when ill but cause harm if not used correctly.

History

How do we know what Preston was like?

Following on from our Geography unit about what our local area is like now we look at what it was like in the past. We will focus on the time up to 1939 – the cotton industry. Looking at the role Preston had to play during this time, what life was like then and the links Preston had with India. (Which links into our next Geography topic).

Computing

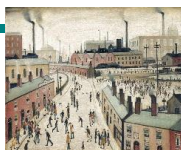
Creating Media

Digital Photography

Art

Draw

Preston Mills



Media: pencil, chalk pastels, oil pastels, wax crayons, ballpoint

Artist: L.S Lowry

PE

PE will take place on a Monday morning where Mr Ridge will be focusing on games and gymnastics.

MFL

We will look at informally introducing basic Spanish language such as numbers, greetings and colours for a modern foreign language.

RE

How do we respond to the things that really matter?

Christianity: Jesus

Why do Christians say Jesus is the light of the world?

PSHE

Year 2 will be completing the Celebrate unit from Happy Minds – recognising and celebrating their qualities as well as some of the Relationship unit.

Music

We will continue with Musical Theatre with a focus on Nativity songs and performance

Reminders

Names – Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles.

PE – Mr Ridge will be teaching the children PE skills on **Monday** mornings. They should **come to school in their uniform** as normal and they will change in PE kits at school. These can be left in school for the half term. This half term's focus will be games and gymnastics.

Outdoor Learning – We will be doing some outdoor learning throughout the week, so the children should wear suitable clothes for being outdoors (remember to check the weather forecast). We try to give the children outside playtimes in a range of weathers but, as the year goes on, the temperature (and overall weather) will be more variable.

Class Novel – Please encourage your child to tell you what has happened in book that we will be reading each half term. It will be a great way to recall what has been read to them.

Dates for the diary

Parents Evening: 10th 12th November

Parent internet Safety on Zoom: 4th December 9:15

PTFA Christmas Fair: 5th December 5-7pm

Nativity: 11th December 2pm & 5pm

Christmas Party and Jumpers: 16th December

Trips and visit

Please keep in mind that I am still hoping to have a trip organised for this half term so you can budget for this. It has proven rather difficult to organise but I am still looking into various options.

Communication

Miss Vaughan will be on the door to greet children and families in the morning and after school. For any additional contact please use the email staff@harris.lancs.sch.uk

Reading at Home

Please make sure you continue to read on a regular basis. This includes listening to them read as well as asking questions. Reading pack will be collected in at the start of everyday so that staff can listen to children reading in school and change books as regularly as needed.



Homework

A homework menu and spelling list will be sent home each half-term. These can also be found on the class webpage.

There will be a spelling test on **Monday**.

Homework books will be given to children to complete tasks in and can be shared with the rest of the class during the week to encourage oracy skills, celebrate achievements and be acknowledge. Please note that they will be no additional acknowledgement in the form of marking.