

Welcome to Year 1!

I hope you have all had a lovely half term. I am sure there has been lots of pumpkin picking and Halloween activities. I am very excited to return to Year 1 and I have already spent some time in class with the children during the first half term. We have another busy half term ahead and lots to learn. Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask on the door at the end of the day or contact school using the following email: staff@harris.lancs.sch.uk. I am looking forward to getting to know you all over the half term.

Kind regards,

Miss Rigby

English

We start with a short unit learning to recite a poem about Bonfire Night. Then we will have a go at writing our own. Our focus text is a lovely book called 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. The children will create their own story maps to write their own version of the story. Later in the half term, we will read reports about different polar animals and write a non-chronological report for our favourite polar animal. Finally, there will be many Christmas activities at the end of the half term.



Maths

We will begin this half term by learning about sequencing and sorting including counting in twos and fives. Following on from that, we will learn fractions $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. Then, we will measure capacity in practical activities. We will also learn about money including recognising coins, ordering their values and adding two prices together. Finally, we will complete a unit on time including days of the week, months of the year and measure and compare time in seconds.

Phonics/Reading

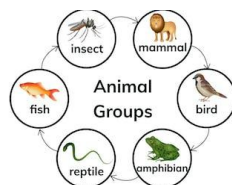
Please make sure you continue to read on a regular basis with your child. This includes listening to them read and asking questions. If your child has finished their book, we recommend they re-read it to build fluency. Children will be listened to each week on their reading day. Their books will also be changed on this day.

Library: All children will be able to borrow a book from our KS1 library every **Tuesday**. Each book should be returned the following Tuesday, before a new one is issued.

Science

What are the animal groups?

In Science, we will continue learning about animals and different ways we can group them. We will learn the names of fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals then group animals based on their features. Then we will learn about animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and what they eat.



Our significant people for this topic are Sir David Attenborough and Jane Goodall.

ALERT: This may involve digging in some animal poo to help us investigate. *(child friendly of course)*

The children will learn that all living things move, feed, grow, use their senses and reproduce.

Topic

Geography and History

We have a new and exciting topic this half term based around the polar regions.

How can we look after penguin homes?

In Geography, we will learn the names of the continents, oceans and the equator. Through our Geography work, we will then learn about how we can look after penguins and their habitats.

Tell me- who has explored the Poles?

In History, we will learn about a number of explorers who have been explored the North and South Poles. We will learn about the battles some explorers had in order to be the first to reach to the South Pole. The children will discover what it was like for these explorers and the challenges they faced. We will then learn about Preet Chandi, who has recently travelled to both Poles.

Our significant people for this topic are Matthew Henson and Preet Chandi.



Computing Digital painting We will be creating artwork both digitally and non-digitally and making comparisons. Online Safety Online Relationships and Online Reputation	PE Mr Ridge will be teaching PE on Friday mornings. Please ensure your child's PE kit is back in school by Friday 7th November. The children will be building on Fundamental Movement Skills and Gymnastics.	PSHE SCARF: Valuing Difference Same or different? Unkind, tease or bully? Harold's school rules It's not fair! Who are our special people? Our special people balloons Happy Mind: Celebrate
RE Christianity Jesus Why is Jesus special to Christians? The nativity story, beliefs about Jesus and Christmas.	Music It's a Boy! (Musical Theatre -Nativity) Key Skill: Singing	Year 1 Staff Miss Rigby: Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday Mrs Vella: Wednesday Mr Ridge: Friday mornings Miss Wilkinson and Mrs Hashim all week

Reminders

Parents Evenings Monday 10th November and Wednesday 12th November. Please book via School Spider.

Nativity- Our Key Stage One nativity will take place on **Thursday 11th December**. The afternoon performance will be at 14:00 and the evening performance will be at 17:00. More information will be sent nearer the time.

Nativity Costumes- Your child will need to wear a simple villager outfit. This can be an adult's t-shirt or shirt, belt or something to tie around their waist, a tea towel and elastic headband for headdress. All outfits need to be in school in a named bag by **Friday 5th December**.

Wellies & Waterproofs – We love using 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. Should you need them back for weekend walks, you will be able to grab them.

Book Bags/Reading Packs – The children 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.

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

Names – Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including coats, hats, scarves, gloves and wellies.