

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and we are looking forward to another busy half term.

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](mailto:staff@harris.lancs.sch.uk).

Kind regards,

Miss Rigby

## English

We start with our Lancashire English unit called Family Album. We will read many traditional tales throughout the unit. Our focused text is an unfamiliar traditional tale called 'Diamonds and Toads' by Charles Perrault. The children will retell the tale using a story map. They will then make their own changes to the characters and events in the story. Then, they will write their own version of the story. After that, we will use familiar family events to re-tell and write recounts of birthday parties.



## Maths

We will begin this half term focusing on number and place value up to 100. Following on from that, we will measure and record mass using 1g and 10g. Next, we will consolidate 2-D and 3D shapes including sorting them into criteria. Then, we will learn about coins up to £2 and notes including adding the cost of items and using the correct coins to pay. Finally, we will learn to count confidently in 2s, 5s and 10s and use this to help us complete multiplication and division calculations or problems.



## Reading

Please read and make a record every time your child reads at home. Your child's book will be changed on their reading day. If you would like to know the day your child reads, please ask one of the Year 1 team.

### Recommended Reading Sequence

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

## Science

In Science, we will be learning about humans. The children have asked some great questions about what they want to learn. Over the half term, we will identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body including which part is associated with each sense. The children will recognise that humans are animals. They will compare and describe differences in their own features such as eyes, hair, skin colour etc and that humans also have many similarities.



## Topic Art and History

We have started our new Art topic this week. We will be learning about two significant artists, Pablo Picasso and Andy Warhol. We will observe and compare their artwork across different periods in time. Then, we will use the styles of Picasso and Warhol to draw our own portraits using the media of oil pastels and digital apps.



## Geography

### Where are the UK's Unicorns, Dragons, Lions and Giants?

This half term, we will learn about and read stories about the mythical creatures associated with each country of the United Kingdom. Through this, the children will learn about the United Kingdom, the four countries, capital cities, famous landmarks and surrounding seas.  
England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland  
London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast.  
North Sea, Irish Sea, Celtic Sea, English Channel



<p><b>Computing</b></p> <p><b>Programming a Moving Robot</b></p> <p>We will be writing short algorithms and programs for floor robots and predicting program outcomes</p> <p><b>Online Safety Project Evolve</b></p> <p>Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle</p>	<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>Our PE day is <b>Friday</b>.</p> <p>Mr Ridge will be teaching Fundamental Movement Skills with balls and Dance linked to the Fire of London this half term.</p> <p>All PE kits will remain in school over the half term</p>	<p><b>PSHE</b></p> <p><b>My Happy Mind</b></p> <p>Appreciate</p> <p><b>SCARF</b></p> <p>Good or bad touches</p> <p>Keeping privates private</p> <p>Who can help 1</p>
<p><b>RE</b></p> <p>Christianity- The Church</p> <p>How might some people show that they 'belong' to God?</p>	<p><b>Music</b></p> <p><b>Let's Get Loopy</b></p> <p>Music Technology</p> <p>Singing Listening Musicianship</p>	<p><b>Spanish</b></p> <p>We will be learning colours and numbers over the Spring term.</p>

## Reminders

**Nurse/Doctor**- To help us with our Science unit, we would love to invite any nurses or doctors into class. We would like them to talk about parts of the body and the importance of keeping it healthy. The boys and girls will also prepare some questions to ask during the talk. If anyone is willing to spend 30 minutes with us, please speak to Miss Rigby to arrange a date.

**Homework**- Homework tasks should be completed in the children's blue homework book. We will share and celebrate their work in class.

**Spellings**- New spellings have been uploaded to Spelling Frame. Please complete these each week by playing the games and completing the test. This really supports the children's confidence in writing.

**Wellies** – We still love to use our outdoor area during the wetter, colder months. To keep school shoes clean, we ask that your child have 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 from outside the classroom whenever is necessary.

**Book Bags**- We would greatly appreciate if you could remove the shoulder strap from your child's book bag. We have limited tray space in our classroom. The straps block and jam the children's trays which makes accessing them quickly and easily a problem.

**Reading Packs** – Reading packs need to be in school every day. If your child has a keyring on their book bag please ensure this is one, small keyring/hand gel. Some pupils are struggling to get into their trays because of large keyrings.

### **The Year 1 team**

**Miss Rigby**: Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday **Mrs Vella**: Wednesday

**Miss Wilkinson** and **Mrs Hashim** all week **Mr Ridge**: Friday mornings