



**Welcome back to Year 2!**

Hope we all had a lovely extended half term break. It's a short half term with lots of fun filled topics to fit in. We will be completing some assessment towards the end of the term and if you'd like to come and discuss results please do pop in.

**English**

**Amazing Birds**

Continuing our Amazing Birds unit, we will be reading The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark and writing fiction based on this story as well as using the previously gained knowledge of owls.

Cursive handwriting with leading lines in and out:  
Learn: diagonal and horizontal joins

**Maths**

Our units this half term are:  
Money, Multiplication & Division, Length, Addition & Subtraction.  
Each week they will be having ongoing lessons about Shape.



**Science**

**What's the job of the plant part?**

**Local Plants-** Plant growth

We will start with our ongoing outdoor science looking at the local environment and relate changes to the weather before looking at how seeds and bulbs grow into plants and what the part of plants are called.



**History**

**Tell me- who was 1<sup>st</sup> in space?**



**Significant people  
(Comparison made across periods)**

We will be looking at the first moon landings, the first woman in space and current national space explorer- Tim Peake. There will also be an introduction into the Solar System to help put space exploration into context.

**DT**

**Mechanics**

**Space rover** (using recycled materials)

**Principle:** Innovation

Linking with our History unit children will become inventors of their own space rover. We will explore various ways of making the mechanics (chassis, axels and wheels) and build on our knowledge of joining to make the body from recycled materials.

We might even be able to add to our previous Computing unit to programme them to move.

**PE**

PE will take place on a Monday morning where Mr Ridge will be focusing on Striking and Fielding Games and Bounce Ball

Significant Sports Individual Study: Andrew Flintoff

**Computing**

**Data and Information**

Pictograms

**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?  
Hindu Dharma**

**PSHE**

Year 2 will be completing the Relate unit from Happy Minds

**Music**

**Journey with me  
Classical Music**

How might people express their devotion?

We will also be looking at:  
How do we make others feel?  
When someone feels left out

## Reminders

**SATs & assessment** – As a school we use formative assessment on a daily basis to assess and intervene in real time. Towards the end of each term we complete formal assessments to back up our teacher judgement. We use a range of papers including past SATs papers however as there has been no Key Stage 1 SATs testing since 2023 any testing in Year 2 is in line with the rest of the school from Year 1 – Year 5.

**DT** – please start sending in boxes – both card and plastic so that the children can make their Space Rovers in DT.

**Names** – Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles. We have a lot of lost property collecting!

**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 continue to complete outdoor learning through ongoing science. Wellies might be useful to have in school. Please make sure children always have weather appropriate clothing.

**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. We are reading other Animal Stories.

**Reading books** – reading books will now be changed on Monday and Thursday. It is still important that reading books are sent with the children everyday so children can read with an adult in school.

### **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](mailto:staff@harris.lancs.sch.uk) . Please note that there are rare occasions that regular staff will be absent from the classroom for professional development.

## 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.