



**Welcome back to Year 2!**

Hope we all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed that little bit of sunshine! Lots of exciting Summer related topics coming up over the next term.

**English**

**The Farm Shop**

We will begin this half term with some animal themed stories with a farm setting leading onto us writing our own. Our focus text will be stories from Michael Morpurgo's Muddlepuddle Farm.

The grammar focus will be - the effective use of adjectives and adding suffixes to create adjectives, e.g. playful, careful, careless, hopeless. As well we will revise noun phrases and subordination using when, before and after.

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



**Maths**

Our units this half term are:

- Number and place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Capacity & volume
- Temperature
- Fractions
- Time, position and direction



To support your child one area you could work on would be time to 5 minutes to and past.

**Science**

**What's 'life' like on a farm?**

**Plants & Animals**

In this whole summer term long unit, we recap what we have looked at already around plants and animals but with the focus on farm life rather than local life this time.

We will also be continuing are year-long focus on outdoor learning and life cycles related to seasonal changes

**Geography**

**How are farms and coasts different?**

**UK physical and geographical**

We will begin by recapping our local knowledge and then move outwards to look at farms and coasts. We will compare the differences in both human and physical features and use map skills and compass directions

We will continue to build on our year-long topic of seasons and weather

**DT**

**Food**

**Farm picnic**

**Principle:** authenticity

After looking at life on farm in Science we will be thinking about the produce from a farm and using farm foods to make a picnic that uses food authentic to our area.

Please let me know if you for see any issues (i.e. dietary, sensory or otherwise) so this can be accommodated for.

**PE**

PE will take place on a Monday morning where Mr Ridge will be focusing on Athletic and Net & Wall Games

**Computing**

**Creating Media**

Digital Music

**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?  
Sikh Dharma

Does worship help people?

## PSHE

Year 2 will be completing the Engage unit from  
Happy Minds  
We will also be looking at:  
An act of Kindness

## Music

Sound effects

## Reminders

**Science** – it would be fantastic if the class could explore the tadpole to frog life cycle. Please get in touch if you are able to provide any frog spawn (hopefully it's not too late in the season)

**Educational visit** – as shown on yearly overview there is a plan to take a trip to a farm and a beach (one day trip). The costs and logistics are being prepared but it might be worth considering putting aside around £20 for this trip. More details to come.

**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.

**Names** – Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles. We currently have nearly 30 jumpers in lost property from Year 2!

**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.

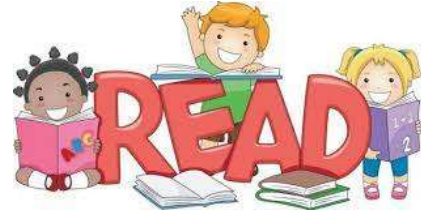
**Reading books** – reading books will now be changed on Monday and Thursday. It is still important that reading books are sent with the children everyday so children can read with an adult in school.

### **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).

## 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.