



Welcome

I hope you and your family enjoyed a lovely Easter break and are ready and raring to go now that we are back. We begin what is to be the final stage of your child's primary education at Harris Primary School and we have such an exciting and important half-term ahead: we have the SATs tests on 11th to 14th May and we will also have high schools getting in touch regarding transitions and the start of your child's exciting next chapter.

English

This half-term we will be **revising** key areas of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar to best prepare ourselves for the SATs tests in May and we will focus our reading and writing on Detective and Crime fiction. We will also be working on an explanation text as a non-fiction outcome.

Maths

This half-term, we will be revising key areas of Maths and identifying gaps in our knowledge to help us best prepare ourselves for the SATs tests in May. We will be closely looking at our arithmetic skills and building on our knowledge.

Science

Our Science topic is **Living things and their habitats** We will describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. We will also give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

Guided Reading

The children will have Guided Reading every day where they will either work with an adult, work in a group or read independently. We will spend time with a range of different books and texts, really digging into vocabulary, making inferences and using evidence to support our thinking.

Geography **Beaches**

We will practise using four and six figure grid references to locate features on maps. We will then investigate the physical geography of Blackpool and the surrounding area to determine why this famous seaside resort has been so popular for so many years. Finally, we will compare Blackpool with a seaside town in North America.

Computing **Creating Media**

Children will develop their knowledge and understanding of using a computer to produce 3D models. We will initially familiarise ourselves with working in a 3D space, moving, resizing, and duplicating objects.

DT

Fairground rides

To link with our Geography topic on seashores, we will build prototypes and stable structures to hold our own mini moving fairground ride.

PE

PE will take place on a Thursday afternoon with Mr Ridge. He will be teaching **athletics** and striking and fielding games and focussing on **rounders**.



French

Clothes

Children will be taught how to say the names of 15 different items of clothing and how to describe them using knowledge of different colours.

RE
Christianity
The Church

Children will be learning about how Christians find purpose and meaning through the church and their beliefs. We will explore how confessing sins and seeking forgiveness restores relationships with others and with God.

PSHE

We will be looking at the Engage module in My Happy Mind. We will also be looking at Managing change and assertive skills to help prepare us for high school.

Music
Taught by Mr Baines

Mr Baines will continue to teach music on alternate Tuesdays throughout the year in Year 6. This half term focusses on Rap and Grime music.

Reminders

The statutory KS2 tests are timetabled from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026 as follows:

- Monday 11th May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
- Tuesday 12th May: English Reading paper
- Wednesday 13th May: Maths paper 1 (Arithmetic) & Maths paper 2 (Reasoning)
- Thursday 14th May: Maths paper 3 (Reasoning)

The next few weeks leading up to the tests are so important as we revise certain areas and fill any last-minute gaps in our knowledge. The children have worked incredibly hard since September and the SATs are simply an opportunity to show how much they have developed over the years at our school. As teachers and parents, we often tell children to “stop showing off” but this is an occasion when they really should! All I expect from them is to do their best and when the results come in they can hold their heads high and say, “I did my best and I am happy.”

Homework - We have bought for every Y6 pupil **CGP English and Maths SATs question books** which the children now have. **I will continue send out page numbers via School Spider, and given to the children, for the class to complete at home.** These books do not have to be handed-in as the answers are included (the children and you may mark the work) but if you would like me to mark them for your child I certainly will.

PE – This term, PE will take place on Thursday afternoon and the children should come to school in their Harris PE clothing on Thursdays. Earrings and other jewellery should not be worn. If children cannot remove their earrings, they should be covered by tape to keep them from catching on anything.

Healthy Snacks – Remember that any snacks sent into school for morning breaktime must be healthy snacks and not crisps / chocolate / sweets. Children may have fruit, cereal bars or something similar. Thank you.

Reading at Home - Please make sure your child reads on a regular basis. Please use the Reading Records to jot down what your child has read at home and any comments you would like to pass on. As your children are now capable readers, taking the time to talk to your child about what they have read will support them in their comprehension and deepen their understanding of the text.