

A very warm welcome back to all our Year 2 children and families! We hope you've had a wonderful summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting new term. We have lots of fun learning, new adventures and exciting experiences planned for Autumn. We have loved seeing everyone's smiling faces and can't wait to get stuck into all the new topics for this half term. If you have any concerns or, questions please don't hesitate to contact us on staff@harris.lancs.sch.uk

English

This term, we will be exploring the wonderful story *The Way Home for Wolf* by Jim Field. We will follow Wolf's journey as he tries to find his way home and explore the challenges he faces along the way. Through the story, the children will develop their reading and comprehension skills, explore exciting vocabulary and create their own imaginative writing. We will also encourage the children to use descriptive language and write with confidence and creativity.



Maths

We will begin this half term by looking at number and place value for two weeks. We will be counting items up to 100 including groups of tens. Following on from that, we will explore length and mass using non-standard units to measure. Then, we will focus on addition and subtraction by counting on and back across 10 using a range of maths resources to help us. Finally, we will learn about 2-D and 3-D shapes which includes circles, triangles, square rectangles, oblong rectangles, spheres, pyramids, cubes and cuboids.

Reading

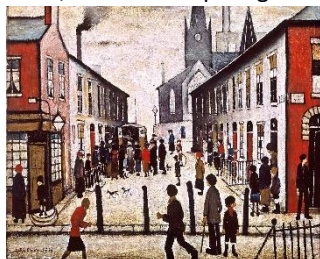
Please read as often as possible at home with your child and make a brief comment in their reading record. Your child will come home with 2 home reading books on their selected book changing day. We recommend the following:

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

This week, we will allocate the day that your child's book will be changed. You will be able to ask us when their day is. Please ensure their reading books are in school every day. If they need changing more frequently this is great.

Art

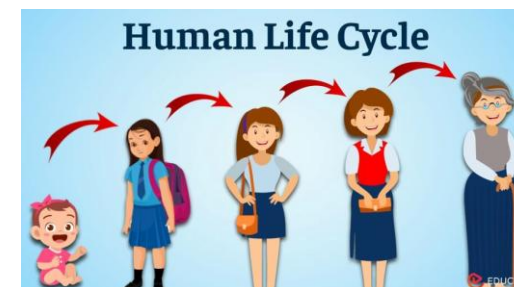
This term, we will be exploring the work of the famous British artist **L.S. Lowry**. The children will learn about his distinctive style and his paintings of busy streets, buildings and people. We will explore how Lowry used colour, line and simple figures to create his artwork.



The children will experiment with different techniques and materials before creating their own Lowry-inspired artwork.

Science

This term, we will be learning about the **human life cycle** and how people change and grow throughout their lives. The children will explore the different stages of life, from babies through to old age, and discuss the changes that happen as we grow. We will also learn about **what helps us to stay healthy**, including the importance of eating a balanced diet, exercising regularly, getting enough sleep and looking after our bodies and minds. Through practical activities and discussions, the children will develop their understanding of how to live a healthy lifestyle.



R.E

This term, we will be exploring the Christian belief that God created the world and thinking about the question, *"Does how we treat the world matter?"* The children will learn about the importance of caring for the world and all living things. We will explore stories and teachings from the Bible and consider how Christians believe they should look after God's creation. The children will also have opportunities to reflect on how we can all make a positive difference to the world around us.

PE

Mr Ridge will be teaching PE every Monday morning this year. Please don't forget children must come to school in uniform and then get changed into P.E kit in school. P.E bags should be left in school and can be taken home at half terms to be washed. If this ever changes, you will be notified on School Spider. The topic this half term is Fundamental Movement Skills Baseline: Lost and Found Gymnastics unit 1

PSHE

Meet your brain

We will be using My Happy Mind journals to work on meeting and understanding our brain and relationships. We will also work with SCARF and look at what it takes to be a good friend and different types of bullying.



Computing

This term, we will be developing our **programming skills** through a fun and engaging *Knock Knock Jokes* project! The children will learn how to create and sequence instructions to make their own interactive jokes. They will explore how programs work, use algorithms to plan their ideas and debug their code when things don't go as expected. We will encourage the children to be creative while developing their problem-solving and computational thinking skills.

History

This term, we will be learning about the **Industrial Revolution** and how it changed the way people lived and worked. The children will explore how new inventions, machines and factories transformed towns and cities. We will find out what life was like for children and families during this time and compare it with life today. Through stories, photographs and historical sources, the children will develop their understanding of the past and how it has shaped the world we live in today.

Spanish

This term, we will be learning how to **greet people in Spanish**. The children will practise saying *hola* (hello), *adiós* (goodbye), *buenos días* (good morning) and *buenas tardes* (good afternoon). We will have lots of fun practising these new words through songs, games and conversations, helping the children to build their confidence when speaking Spanish.

Reminders

Homework- Homework is set each half term. There will be a range of activities linked to what we are learning in class. Green challenges are quick and the easiest and dark red are longer projects that may take some time. You can photograph all tasks when they have been completed and add it to the homework books to evidence that the task has been complete. It is not expected that all tasks are completed but that you have a selection of tasks that suits your child and your home-life. Reading is essential to help your child develop in all areas of the curriculum.

Spellings – The children will be given a log in to Spelling Frame platform in which they can practice the spellings set. This is a fun way for children to practice their spellings without feeling like they are learning. The log in details will be stuck into reading diary's as soon as they get allocated.

Book Bags/Reading Packs – The children will 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.

Names – Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles (and for some children, socks!). especially with the children getting ready for P.E in class. All P.E kit needs to be labelled too.

PE – Mr Ridge will teach the children PE on Monday Mornings. Your child should come to school wearing their school uniform and get changed for P.E in school. Please make sure your child has - plain white t-shirt, navy shorts/joggers and navy zipped jacket.

Coats & Outdoor Learning – We like to go outside, whatever the weather. Please ensure your child has a suitable coat in school every day.

Book Vote- We love reading at Harris Primary School. Every day the children have the opportunity to use their named peg to vote for a book to enjoy at the end of each day.

Fruit and Milk- Please check with your child if they would like to have milk. One or two children are insisting they no longer want it and some would like it but they're not on our current milk list. Please speak to the office staff if your child would like milk or if you would like to cancel it.

School lunches- Thank you to those who have already used our lunch booking system. Please ensure that you have selected your child's meal for each day and you can prebook these in advance for the ½ term. If you do not book your child's lunch option, they will be offered a jacket potato with cheese, and this can sometimes leave children very upset or even hungry as they don't like that option.

Toilets – Please encourage your child to only use the bathroom when they need it. Quite a few times children have been going to the bathroom when they don't need it. Your child will always be able to go during the day, but we are struggling with the number of times they are going and missing vital learning.

Toys and Teddies – Please ensure that children do not bring in small toys or teddies into school. We have many issues with children losing things and trying to share things between themselves. It causes many arguments and children are getting upset during the school day.