HARRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Be Ambitious • Be Kind • Be Thankful

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2nd Half 2026

Welcome to Year 4!

I hope you've all had a lovely half term. There's lots of exciting topics coming up that the children will love.
The staff in Year 4 are: Miss Secretary (Class Teacher) Miss Dorotea (Teaching Assistant), Mr Ridge (PE), Mr Baines (Music)

English

We have an exciting unit called **'Sparks might fly'.** We will be writing an explanation text which includes: sentences with subordinating conjunctions to show time and cause, commas to demarcate clauses. Following this we will be writing Play Scripts.

Maths

We will begin by looking at **Multiplication & Division**. Following from that we will explore **Time** and **3D shapes**. Throughout the term we will be building up multiplication fluency and well as other mental maths skills.

Science

Science – What's that sound? We will be continuing to explore what sound is and how it is made as well as how it can be insulated.

Guided Reading/Spelling/Phonics

The children will have Guided Reading for 20 minutes every day. They will work within an adult led/supported group each week. In spelling lessons, we will be revising and learning the Year 4 statutory words.

History

Tell me – **Were the Egyptians important and how do we know?**
We will be focusing on Egyptians this half term.

Computing

Audio Production: We will identify input device (microphone) and output devices (speaker or headphones) required to work with sound digitally. We will discuss the ownership of digital audio and the copyright implications of duplicating the work of others.

Art

This is a mini topic in which we will use clay to make **Egyptian Pottery.**

RE

Every topic in Year 4 begins with our overarching question: How should we live our lives? We will ask this question in relation to different religions and themes. This term we are looking at Christianity – Is sacrifice an important part of religious life?

French

French – Throughout the year we will be learning numbers up to 200. Alongside the ongoing number work we will also be looking at the days of the week and months of the year.

.

PE

Health & Fitness &
Gymnastics

PSHE

Happy Mind:
Celebrate

Music

Rock band!
The class will be split into groups having a 20 minute session each on a Wednesday with Mr Baines.

Reminders

Book bags and pencil cases – Please ensure these are named. The children do not need pencil cases as they will be provided with named school equipment which they will be responsible for and need to leave in school.

Names – Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, especially water bottles and jumpers.

PE – Mr Ridge will be teaching the children PE skills on Wednesday afternoon. The children should come to school in their PE kit on Wednesdays.

Communication – please come and have a chat before or after school at the door if you have a quick message.

Reading at Home

Please make sure you continue to read daily. Children will be allowed to choose a book from the class library and we have a range of shorter and longer texts. Please sign the reading diary to show that they have read with you. Now that the children are fluent readers it may be more beneficial to ask questions rather than just listen. Questions around information that is implied rather than stated can be challenging for children and should be practised. Include questions about feelings for PSHE bonus!



Home Learning

A half termly homework menu will be sent home with instructions for the tasks. Extra Maths can be practised on IXL.com & TTR.

Homework can be brought in weekly to share with the class.

Multiplications

Knowing the times tables is very beneficial as it makes many areas of maths more fluent. Please support your child with this. Facts are best learnt through constant repetition but this doesn't mean it needs to be boring. Here's some ideas:

Swing and count in multiples on each swing
Ball games
Hoops
Dart board
Board games
Include exercise ('Do 5x3 hops')
Treasure hunt
Sensory activity (ie with play doh)
Fun pens (ie spy pens)