**HARRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

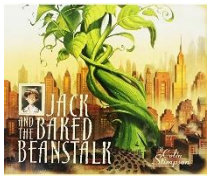
**Be Kind • Be Thankful • Be Ambitious**

# YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2 2026

We hope everyone had a lovely half term and had chance to recharge their batteries ready for the second Autumn term. We have had a wonderful first half term filled with lots of learning, fun and exciting experiences. The children have worked incredibly hard, and we are so proud of all they have achieved. As the Autumn term 2 starts we have lots of exciting activities to look forward to. If you have any concerns or, questions please don't hesitate to contact us on staff@harris.lancs.sch.uk

## English




This half term, Year 2 will be exploring traditional fairy tales with a twist! We will be reading *Jack and the Baked Bean Stalk*, discovering how familiar stories can be retold in fun and unexpected ways. The children will develop their reading and writing skills by exploring characters, settings and story structure, learning to use exciting vocabulary, descriptive language and interesting sentence starters. They will then use their imagination to create their own twisted fairy tale!

## Maths

This half term, Year 2 will be exploring a range of exciting mathematical topics. We will develop our counting skills, explore multiplication and sorting, and learn to tell the time. The children will also investigate statistics, fractions, capacity and volume, as well as developing their understanding of money. Through practical activities, problem-solving and fun challenges, we will build confidence and develop our mathematical skills!

## 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.

## D.T

This half term, Year 2 will be exploring textiles and developing their sewing skills. The children will learn how to use a running stitch and explore the over stitch to join pieces of fabric together. They will use their creativity and new skills to design and make their very own Christmas-themed hand puppets, adding decorations and personal touches to bring their creations to life!

## Science

This half term, Year 2 will be learning about how animals survive and what they need to stay alive. We will explore different habitats and discover how animals are suited to the environments they live in. The children will investigate the basic needs of animals, including food, water, air and shelter, and learn how different animals depend on their habitats to survive.



## R.E

This half term, Year 2 will be exploring why Christians believe Jesus is the 'Light of the World'. We will learn about the meaning of light as a symbol of hope, love and guidance, and explore how Jesus' teachings help Christians to live their lives. The children will discover why Jesus is important to Christians and how they can share light and kindness with others.

## 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 Gymnastics and games "piggy in the middle".

## PSHE

**Meet your brain**

We will be using My Happy Mind journals to work on the celebrate module. We will also work with SCARF and look at the celebrating positive relationships.

## Computing

This half term, Year 2 will be exploring animation and learning how stop-motion animations are created. The children will use figurines to bring a traditional fairy tale to life, learning how to take a sequence of photographs and make small movements to create the illusion of movement. They will develop their creativity, sequencing skills and confidence using digital technology.

## Geography

This half term, Year 2 will be exploring what life is like for children living in India and comparing it to our own lives in the UK. We will investigate the similarities and differences between homes, schools, daily routines and the local environment. The children will learn about Indian towns and develop their understanding of a different part of the world, while also exploring links to the cotton industry and where materials come from.

## Spanish

This half term, Year 2 will be learning the names of different animals in Spanish. The children will practise listening to and repeating new vocabulary, developing their pronunciation and confidence when speaking. They will enjoy playing games, singing songs and using simple phrases to recognise and name animals in Spanish.

## Reminders

**Nativity -** The nativity production "Once Upon a Nativity" has been selected and the children have been asked what kind of roles they would like. The parts have been allocated, and the children will bring home their lines on Monday 9th November after school. Please, please can you practice your child's lines with them as we want them to feel comfortable and confident on the performance.

**Nativity costumes** – we will inform you what costume your child will need for the nativity and can work together to find the appropriate costumes if you don't have them at home. Your child will also come home with what they need to wear or look like on Monday 9th November.

**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.

**Spelling Checks –** Every Monday the children will take part in a spelling check. These are not a test and a way for us to be able to see what spellings children are struggling with and what we can work on to improve them. The children will not be given a score for their spellings but will be supported if they are struggling. If anyone cant access spelling frame, paper copies can be sent home or they can be accessed on the school website.

**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.
**Reading Book –** If children have completed their reading books before their designated change day, they can pop the books into the reading pack tray and they can be changed more frequently. Daily if needed. Keep up the great work at reading at home 😊

**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.

**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.

**Christmas dates –** There is a lot to look forward too in the next half term. Please keep your eye out for non-uniform days, nativity performances, Christmas fair, Christmas dinners and Christmas class party days.