HARRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2nd Half 2026

Welcome

I hope you've all had a lovely, well-deserved half term break. Thank you to everyone for your support last half-term. The children have settled into Year 6 brilliantly and have been working so well and it is a privilege to be their class teacher. We have another jam-packed half-term in our lead up to Christmas and it is important that the class hit the ground running again now that we are back in the classroom and I look forward to seeing them shine. We are very lucky to have Mrs Gallacher joining us in class this half term, she will be in with us during the morning from Monday to Thursday to help support us with our English and maths work. As a reminder, if you ever have any questions, concerns or queries, please speak to me at the door in the morning or afternoon, or email school on staff@harris.lancs.sch.uk and the message will be forwarded to myself.

English

This half term, our English work is based around the theme of Heroes and Villains. We will be studying older literature and the works of Shakespeare, in particular Macbeth. We will be looking at information texts and poems with imagery. We will also be continuing to study key areas of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.

Science

How does the heart work?

Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.

Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function (in the long term and short term).

Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

Maths

We will begin this half term looking at the following areas: Place value, decimals and fractions, specifically finding equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions and adding/subtracting fractions. Geometry – angles, statistics – line graphs and pie charts, measurement – length, perimeter, mass and measure – area and volume, capacity.

Guided Reading

The children will have Guided Reading for approximately 20 minutes every day. The children will work in groups, either with an adult or independently. We will be looking at SATs style texts and questions and how best to answer different question types.

History

World War 2 – part 2

We will continue to learn what life was like in World War II and further study evacuees and Indian soldiers. We will then be moving on to exploring local heroes from this period of time.

Computing

Creating media

Children will be learning about, copyright, web page design and creation. We will be looking at what makes a good webpage and then having a go at creating our own.

DT

Cooking & Nutrition

We will be investigating, planning and cooking a healthy meal for a person with dietary requirements – A one pot wonder for a person with dietary need

PE

Net and wall games and gymnastics

PE will take place on a Thursday afternoon with Mr Ridge. We will be developing the children's skills in tennis and gymnastics

French

Une bonne santé

We will learn 10 sentences that express good habits for a healthy lifestyle, both physically and mentally.

RE	PSHE	Music
Hinduism **Is there one journey or many?** We will explore the ideas of reincarnation, Karma and the 4 ashramas	**Relationships and learning about our brain** This term we will be continuing to look at the My Happy Mind programme. We will also be looking at the first part of our relationships curriculum.	**Taught by Mr Baines** Mr Baines will continue to teach music throughout the year in Year 6. We will be continuing to practise our songs for Young Voices and also rehearsing for our Christmas Concert.

Reminders

Names – Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles, coats and P.E. jackets. It really helps when things go missing!

PE – Mr Ridge will be teaching the children PE skills on Thursday afternoons. The children should come to school in their PE kit on this day. Earring should **not** be worn for P.E. The children should remove them as it is after the half term break and any new piercings should be healed. If the children cannot remove their own earrings, please make sure they are removed before coming to school.

Homework – Homework will be given in the form of a homework menu sent home every 2 weeks. The children can choose from the activities provided in order to complete roughly 3 pieces of work each week. Completed homework should be sent into class for me to look at.

Young Voices concert – A quick reminder to sign up to the Young Voices portal to buy tickets for parents, and any other family members who want to come along and watch, or any merchandise for the children (completely optional). It is a fantastic, memorable event that the children will remember for years to come!

Reading at Home

Please make sure you continue to read on a regular basis. Children have access to change their books when necessary. It is vital in Year 6 to read for sustained periods in order to develop the stamina for reading that is needed for the SATs tests in May – the more, the merrier! Please also discuss what is happening in the books as this helps to strengthen key comprehension skills.