

Year 5 Autumn Newsletter

September 2024



Welcome back to Harrison! We look forward to teaching your child this year and giving them the best Year 5 experience. We look forward to meeting you at our 'Meet the teacher meeting' on either Tuesday 17th September or Wednesday 18th September.

Year Leader: Miss Weld

5W: Miss Weld and Mrs Wells

5MW: Mrs Morgan and Mrs Wood

5R: Mrs Roberts

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Hiscutt, Mrs James, Mrs Clyma

English – Writing

In **English**, our first units will largely be related to our Science theme of Space; we will look at the features of biographies and discussions and will create space poetry. Our class reader will be on 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. After half term, we will look at story 'The Midnight Fox' and Shakespeare's play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'



Maths



In **Maths**, we will begin by working on place value, exploring numbers up to 1,000,000. Then, we will move on to addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. We will end the term studying fractions. Problem solving and reasoning skills will be explored across all areas.

Home Learning

Your child will receive home learning each week, including both an English task and a Maths task. These should take approximately 30 minutes each and will be given out on a Friday, to be handed in on the following Wednesday. Your child will be given spellings each week based on existing misconceptions and the most common medium frequency words, which they will practise every day in school and should practice these daily at home too.

This half term, there will be a piece of project home learning for the children to complete: an exhibit for our annual space fair. Whilst this is being completed, children will not receive English home learning.

In addition to this, please continue to ensure your child is challenging themselves with reading material and that they continue to read regularly at home by themselves and to an adult. They can use their SORA account to access ebooks if they wish. We also encourage them to continue to use Times Table Rock Stars to practice their times tables and keep them at their fingertips!

P.E. DAYS

Swimming

This half term **Y5W and Y5R** will have swimming sessions on a Friday. Please can children bring their kits in a named bag on their day.

Y5M/W will be swimming in the Summer term

All children have an outdoor P.E. slot with Mrs Tata on Tuesdays so need to come into school wearing a suitable P.E. kit on this day. **Y5M/W** will also have an indoor slot on Friday.



Foundation Curriculum

Science

We will be studying Earth and Space culminating in the exciting Space Science Fair. Our other topic for the term focuses on light.

Geography

We will be learning key skills such as time zones, map reading and grid references.

History

After half term, we will study the Tudors and discuss whether Henry VIII was a good or bad king.

Art & DT

In art, we will be exploring how different colour blends can allow us to create other-worldly landscapes and abstract space creatures. We will be making bread as part of our DT project.

Music

Children will be studying Music Tech this term with Mr McBeath from Hampshire Music Service.

RE

We will be exploring the theme of peace and how this is discussed within Buddhism, before experiencing Buddhist meditation and relaxation techniques for ourselves.

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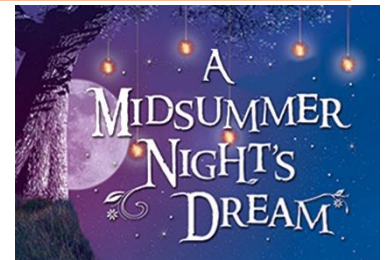
We will start by looking at the 'Zones of Regulation' which will help children recognise and manage feelings.

Computing

This term we are covering the units, 'We are Bloggers' and 'We are Directors'

MFL

We will be learning about the order of the planets and how to describe them.



E-safety continues to be a priority at Harrison and when the children are at home. This includes using: You Tube, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and email. The minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik and Snapchat is 13. You Tube requires account holders to be 18, but a 13-year-old can sign up with a parent's permission. Despite these clearly stated and published age restrictions, large and growing numbers of children 12 and under are using social media networks often with their parent's knowledge and consent. E-safety is therefore of paramount importance.

Important Dates

***Open Classrooms on Tuesday 17th September and Wednesday 18th September.**

***Space fair on Wednesday 23rd October**

***Mary Rose Trip on Wednesday 20th November**

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or questions about your child's learning this term.