

Year 5 Autumn Newsletter

September 2023



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 12th September or Wednesday 13th September.

Year Leader: Miss Weld

5W: Miss Weld, Mrs Wood, Mrs Clyma and Miss Ellis

5MW: Mrs Morgan, Mrs Wood and Miss Hiscutt

5R: Mrs Roberts and Mrs Sharpe

English – Writing

In **English**, we will be completing a book study of Betsy Byers' *The Midnight Fox*, exploring first person narratives inspired by an animation called *The Windmill Farmer*, writing non-fiction texts about a clan based on *Wolf Brother* by Michelle Paver and sharing Shakespeare's comedy, '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 continue to 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.

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 **5R have swimming on Tuesdays** and **5W and 5MW have swimming on Wednesdays**. Please can children bring their kits in a named bag on their day.

5W and 5M/W 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. **5R** have P.E. on Wednesdays.



Foundation Curriculum

Science

During the Autumn Term, we will be investigating materials and their properties and understanding the importance of a healthy body.

History

We will be looking at two fantastic topics; The Mayans and The Tudors!

Art & DT

We will be using papier maché techniques to create our own clan figures and creating CAMS models of animals – all inspired by our English units.

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.

PSHE

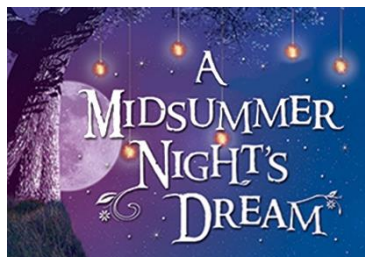
We will be studying two topics: 'How can friends communicate safely?' and 'How can drugs, common to everyday life, make sense?'

Computing

This term we are covering the units, 'We are Bloggers' and 'We are game developers.'

MFL

We will be developing our French language skills learning vocabulary about a journey to school, followed by food and celebrations.



E-safety continues to be a priority at Harrison and when the children are at home. This includes using: YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and email. The minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik and Snapchat is 13. YouTube 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 12th September and Wednesday 13th September.**

***Mary Rose Trip on Wednesday 15th November 2023**

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