# Year R Newsletter Autumn 2021



### Autumn Term - Dates for your diary

Monday 17th October at 14:40 Sponsored Nursery Rhyme Sing -a-long (Please see letter)

> Friday 21st October INSET day

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December PM** Bumblebee Class Nativity

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December PM Caterpillar Class Nativity

Thursday 8th December PM Ladybird Class Nativity

#### **Tapestry**

All Tapestry accounts should now be activated. We also love to see pictures of the children's learning at home so please do share these with us! Your child will share your posts in Tapestry Time every week.



## Welcome to Harrison Primary School Thank you for your support in helping the children settle into their first term at school. We have been so proud of how independent and enthusiastic the children have become already and are looking forward to an exciting year together. We will be following the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum which will provide your children with lots of opportunities to play,

## learn and explore.

What are we learning this term?

This half term our main aim is to continue to get to know your children and help them to settle at school. As the weeks go by we will continue to follow their interests and enhance the environment to support their learning.

We have been working on Phase one of our phonics programme. The children have been taking part in games to help develop their listening skills and distinguish the different sounds, rhythms and pitches. Soon, we will begin to learn our letter sounds and start to read and write simple words. Keep a look out on Tapestry as we will post our new sounds and actions every week so you can practise them at home too. It is important to practise the sounds daily using the sound card that we will send home in your child's book bag.

In Maths, we will be begin developing our number knowledge through our Mastering Number scheme. The children will develop an important skill of 'subitising'. This where children say how many there are in a small group of objects without needing to count them.

## Just a few reminders...

- Please label ALL your child's belongings (shoes included) and check and refresh these regularly.
- As the weather gets colder, please send your child in a warm, waterproof coat each day as the children will be going outside even if the weather is cold and wet.
- Please ensure that your child brings their book bag and their reading diary to school every day and that you read and comment in their diary at home.
- Please ensure your child has water in their class water bottles (no juice).
- Please remember to discuss the lunchtime choices each morning with your child.
- Please continue to encourage your child to practise putting on and fastening their coat independently.
- Please remember to check your child's book bags for letters and important information every day.