



Dear Y6 parents and families,

I hope you and your family enjoyed a pleasant Easter and the lovely weather. We begin what is to be the final stage of your child's primary education at Harris Primary School and we have such an exciting and important half-term ahead: we have the SATs tests on 12th to 15th May and we will also have high schools getting in touch regarding transitions 😊

In just a few weeks' time, we will say goodbye to Miss Marsh as she begins her maternity leave and, although we will miss her immensely, we are delighted for her and we can't wait to meet the next baby Marsh! 😊 This term, we also welcome trainee teacher Miss Taylor who will be teaching alongside me 😊 We have already given her a warm Harris welcome and we wish her the very best during her time with us 😊

Best wishes, Mr Price and the Year 6 team

English

This half-term we will be **revising** key areas of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar to best prepare ourselves for the SATs tests in May and we will focus our reading and writing on a **narrative piece** (a story told in flashback) and a **written response** to a classic narrative poem in another text type.

Maths

This half-term, we will be revising key areas of Maths and identifying gaps in our knowledge to help us best prepare ourselves for the SATs tests in May.

Science

Our Science topic is **Living things and their habitats** We will describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. We will also give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

Guided Reading/Spelling

The children will continue to have Guided Reading every day where they will either work with an adult, work in a group or read independently. We will spend time with a range of different books and texts, really digging into vocabulary, making inferences and using evidence to support our thinking. Our spelling sessions will take place after lunch and we will regularly revisit key spellings throughout the week.

Geography

taught by Mrs Hunt on Tuesdays

Beaches

We will practise using four and six figure grid references to locate features on maps. We will then investigate the physical geography of Blackpool and the surrounding area to determine why this famous seaside resort has been so popular for so many years. Finally, we will compare Blackpool with a seaside town in North America.

French

taught by Mrs Hunt on Tuesdays

Les Jeux Olympiques (The Olympics)

We will learn to 'gist' read, listen and understand more by using cognates and more familiar language to decode unknown language. We will also learn ten Olympic sports and the adjectival changes required when describing athletes.

PE

PE will take place on a Wednesday afternoon and Mr Ridge will be teaching **rounders** and **athletics**. Thank you for continuing to send your child to school in the expected Harris PE clothing on Thursday.

DT

Fairground rides

To link with our Geography topic on seashores, we will build prototypes and stable structures to hold our own mini moving fairground ride.

Music

taught by Mr Baines on Tuesdays

Rock Music Through the Ages
Key person: Carlos Santana

RE

Christianity: Church

Our key question that we have been pondering all year continues to be *Is life like a journey?* and our focus question this half-term is *If life is like a journey, what's the destination?*

PSHE

Being my best

In this unit, we will explore ways that we might overcome challenges and barriers to achieving our goals and we will look at the things we (and others) can do to reduce or remove risk in different situations.

Computing

We will plan and create our own **3D animated movies using the app Plotagon**.

End of KS2 SATs



The statutory KS2 tests are timetabled from Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May 2025 as follows:

- Monday 12th May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
- Tuesday 13th May: English Reading paper
- Wednesday 14th May: Maths paper 1 (Arithmetic) & Maths paper 2 (Reasoning)
- Thursday 15th May: Maths paper 3 (Reasoning)

The next 2 weeks leading up to the tests are so important as we revise certain areas and fill any last-minute gaps in our knowledge. The children have worked incredibly hard since September and the SATs are simply an opportunity to show how much they have developed over the years at our school. As teachers and parents, we often tell children to “stop showing off” but this is an occasion when they really should! All I expect from them is to do their best and when the results come in they can hold their heads high and say, “I did my best and I am happy.”

There is more information to be found on our school website should you wish:

<https://www.harris.lancs.sch.uk/page/ks2-year-6-sats-information/133907>

Homework - I will continue to send a School Spider message every Monday with pages to complete in their **CGP English and Maths SATs question books**.

