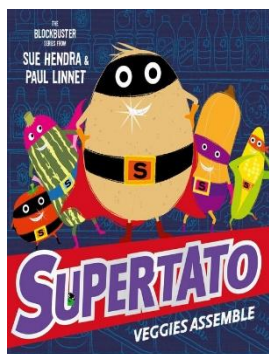


As we enter our final term of Year 1 we have so much learning to fit into such a short period of time. The progress all the children are making is fantastic and they amaze us every day. We have a packed term with another class trip and of course our sharing assembly. We will keep working hard until the end of the year but most importantly we will have fun along the way. Thank you for all your patience and support throughout the year so far. Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask on the door or you can email myself during school hours s.vella@harris.lancs.sch.uk

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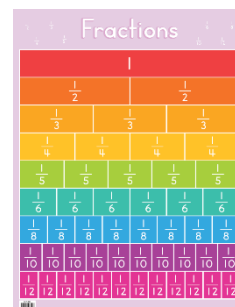
English

This half term, we will be working on the growth and green finger unit. We will be reading and looking to write our own version of Supertato by Sue Hendra and designing our own story maps along the way. During this unit we will be looking at adding suffixes to words where the root word doesn't change. Along with other non-fiction work including an instruction poster.



Maths

This half term in maths, we will be looking into Number and place value, measurement, fractions, position and direction and shape too. We will be broadening our knowledge and skills that we have already learnt earlier in the year. With the weather becoming warmer we will be taking some of our learning outdoors too.



Phonics/Reading

As we are progressing through the 5 phonics phases we are trying to match up your child with a reading book they should be comfortable with. If you child isn't reading at home they will start to struggle with the level of their reading books. Please read as often as possible at home with your child and make a brief comment in their reading record. Your child will come home with 2 home reading books on their selected book changing day. We recommend the following:

- One night your child reads one book to decode and apply their phonic knowledge to read any new, unfamiliar words. Parents can read parts of the book too to help.
- The next night, re-read the same book. Your child should be able to read this more confidently and develop a better understanding of the book.
- Repeat with your child's second book.

Each child has been allocated a day which their books will be changed. Feel free to ask us when their day is. Please ensure their reading books are in school every day. **READING IS THE MOST IMPORTANT!**

D.T

This half term, we will be looking at different techniques to cut different fruits. The children will first plan a fruit salad on a plate then bring home a list of different fruits they need. They will then use child safe knives to practice/use the cutting techniques and evaluate which they found to be the easiest and which they preferred to use.





Science

Science this half term we are looking at the unit What is that plant? Our learning will take us to examine different plants and what a plant consists of. Children will be trying to identify the differences between a garden plant and a wild plant. We will also take a closer look into different trees and whether they are evergreen or deciduous? The children will be going on a trip to the garden centre to take part in a plant workshop and will even get to plant a few things for themselves.



Deciduous VS Evergreen

<p style="text-align: center;">Computing</p> <p>In computing we will be looking into making a video. We will look at acting out our favourite characters from Supertato and filming each other to create a video.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p>Mr Ridge will be teaching PE every Wednesday afternoon this term. The children will be practicing their over arm throwing and much needed athletics practice ready for sports day. If this ever changes, you will be notified on School Spider or Google Classroom.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PSHE Meet your brain</p> <p>We will be using My Happy Mind journals to work on the Engage module. We will also be looking at eating healthy and how we can eat a rainbow.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">RE</p> <p>This term we will be looking at Hindu Dharma.</p> <p>What do Hindus believe about God?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Enrichment</p> <p>In this term we will be going to Barton Grange Garden Centre to take part in a plant workshop. The children will be looking at different plants and even get to plant their own.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">French</p> <p>We will use the Language Angels programme to teach the boys and girls different shapes French.</p>

Reminders

Year 1 Sharing Assembly – We hope that you can join us for our sharing Assembly on Thursday 1st May. The children have been given their lines to learn. If you could practice them over the weekend this would be amazing.

Barton Grange Trip – We will be going to Barton Grange Garden Centre to attend an all-things plants workshop. This will be on the 13th May and will only be for the morning and the children will be back in school for lunch.

D.T – The children will be creating their own fruit salads this half term. Your child will come home with a list of fruits they will need to complete their fruit salad on **Thursday 8th May**. Please could you have the pieces of fruit for the children to make them on the **15th May**. Please don't bring in the fruit until the morning of the 15th as we don't have space to store it. If your child needs melon for instance please bring a couple of slices and not a full melon. Also please DO NOT cut or chop any fruits like grapes or bananas etc as this is what the children will be doing. Thanks again.

Reading – As a whole school we are monitoring the amount children are reading at home. The new reading record should be filled in and signed every time you read which ideally is every day. The new format of the reading record does make it more apparent to those who don't read at home as much as they should or even at all. Let's try to have a big push on reading at home even if it just a couple of pages. Data on the number of children reading is being monitored weekly.

Google Classroom- We have now managed to create all the Google classroom accounts and passwords and these can be found in your child's reading record. You should only need to log in once on the device. Here is where you can message the teacher and find all Year 1 homework, messages, support materials, newsletters etc. The Year 1 class code is [ak5fzfg](#)

Homework- Homework is set each half term. There will be a range of activities linked to what we are learning in class. Green challenges are quick and the easiest and dark red are longer projects that may take some time. You can photograph all tasks when they have been completed and 'turn it in' to evidence that the task has been complete. It is not expected that all tasks are completed but that you have a selection of tasks that suits your child and your home-life.

Spellings – The children will be given a set of spellings at the beginning of half term. They will need to be practicing them regularly at home and during school. They will be given a homework book in their book bags to practice in. We will then collect the spelling books at the end of half term to review learning at home and set new spellings for the following half term.

Book Bags/Reading Packs – The children will need their book bags and reading packs in school every day. Please ensure their bag is clearly named and avoid attaching large keyrings because they struggle to fit them into their trays.

Names – Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles (and for some children, socks!).

PE – Mr Ridge will teach the children PE on a Wednesday afternoon. Your child should come to school wearing the new PE Kit- plain white t-shirt, navy shorts/joggers and navy zipped jacket.

Coats & Outdoor Learning – We like to go outside, whatever the weather. Please ensure your child has a suitable coat in school every day.

Book Vote- We love reading at Harris Primary School. Every day the children have the opportunity to use their named peg to vote for a book to enjoy at the end of each day.

Fruit and Milk- Please check with your child if they would like to have milk. One or two children are insisting they no longer want it and some would like it but they're not on our current milk list. Please speak to the office staff if your child would like milk or if you would like to cancel it.

School lunches- We do an amazing job on the whole when it comes to booking the children's lunches. Please keep it up as it means we don't get shouted at by the cook 😊