

HARRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Week ending 2nd May 2025

Summer term

This week in Pre-School has been extremely exciting! The children received a letter addressed to them from a little boy named Jack. In the letter Jack told us that he would like to share some of his magic beans with us, so that we could each plant our own and have an adventure just like him. We talked about what our magic beans would need to help them grow and each did a fantastic job of planting them. We will be caring for them over the coming weeks to see what grows before taking them home.

As our book of the week is Jack & the Beanstalk, we have been counting and matching beans to the correct numeral, creating our own beanstalks with the playdough and recreating the story of Jack & the Beanstalk in our role-play. We have used our listening and attention skills to listen out for the certain sounds in our story such as the cow and its bell, the goose that lays the golden eggs and the giant's loud footsteps.

We learnt a little about harps, how they are played and what sort of sounds they can make. The children enjoyed listening and relaxing to the harp music throughout the week, some of us even fell asleep!

All About EYFS

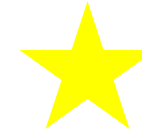
This week we are sharing 'How you can help me with my learning.' This information comes from the 'What to Expect in EYFS: a guide for parents' document. This week's focus are the Specific Areas of the EYFS Framework.

Happy weekend! The Pre-School 😊

Things to Remember:

- Please remember to pre-order your child's school dinner.
- PE session with Mr Ridge every Friday morning. Please provide appropriate footwear (trainers/pumps) as we will be using the school field.
- Polite reminder that Jewellery should not be worn at Preschool and only stud earrings please, no hoops!

Please visit our new page on our website, all about how you can prepare your child for Reception.



Star Award

Roger



Our week in photos – check out our class gallery:

[Harris Primary School: Pre-School: Gallery](#)

3 & 4-year-olds: how you can help me with my learning?

Mathematics

- [Point out the number of things rather than just the names](#), e.g. "We have **two** apples!"
- Give me lots of opportunities to count for a real reason and always emphasise the last number – "*There are 3 cookies.*"
- Cut out a large shape from a cereal box (circle, triangle), then cut that shape into 2-4 smaller pieces to make a simple puzzle.
- When we're at the park, use words like 'up', 'under', and 'between' to talk about what we see.
- [Make playdough with me.](#)

Understanding the World

- Help me make collections of interesting natural materials, e.g. pebbles, shells.
- Let me explore ice, once it has melted a bit (so I don't get frostbite)
- Plant seeds and bulbs with me.
- Take me to different places such as the library.

Literacy

- Talk about stories with me, what is happening in the pictures? Give me time to think and share my ideas.
- Play around with words. Make up fun rhyming sentences with me.
- Let me help you write birthday cards and shopping lists.



Expressive Arts & Design

- Make [home-made paintbrushes](#) using clothes pegs and items from around the house and outdoors.
- Join in pretend play with me.
- Give me a cardboard box and some fabric to build a den with.