

# Halstow Primary School

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## Spring 1 Newsletter - Year 6

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We are excited to share with you the exciting learning that is going to be taking place this term.

In maths, we are going to be learning about converting measurements, ratio, and decimals. We will be exploring the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages later on in the term.

In literacy, we have started the term by exploring the short story 'The Island' by Armin Greder. So far we've spent time on the character analysis of the man who arrived on the island, and the unwelcoming islanders. We will be looking at some non-fiction texts later on in the term.

In reading, we will continue to explore a range of texts and activities, recapping and building on their knowledge and understanding of the key reading skills. We have started reading 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell as our class book, which we are loving so far!

In science this term we are learning about the circulatory system. As well as making a human version of the circulatory system, children will be making 'blood' this term to learn about what it is made of.

The children will be getting stuck into some fantastic learning experiences with the wider curriculum this term. In art, we will be learning about Pop Art, and recreating our own piece inspired by the work of Peter Blake. We have begun our new history topic, which focus on Britain since 1945, and specifically looks at the role of women.

In geography, the children will be continuing to explore the physical and human features of North America. As part of this topic, we will be going to the Horniman Museum on Tuesday 16th January to take part in their workshop on 'North American Peoples'.

In PE, we have a coach in to teach gymnastics on Fridays this term, which the children have already been enjoying! Outdoor PE will be looking at football and building the skills to improve performance on the pitch.

**PE Days:**

This term, the PE days will be as follows:

**Miss Franklin's Class: Monday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)**

**Mr Vousden's Class: Monday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)**

Please make sure your child wears trainers and comfortable clothes that they can easily move around in on these days, such as leggings or tracksuit bottoms. Please note, indoor PE will be in bare feet. If your child is not able to take part in PE due to illness or injury, please provide them with a letter to inform the class teacher.

**Upcoming dates for Year 6:**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Y6 trip to the Horniman Museum

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Young Voices Concert

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Parents' Evening

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Silent Disco (during school day)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – last day of Spring 1 term

Thank you for your ongoing support.

All the best to you and your families,

Miss Franklin and Mr Vousden