

# Halstow Primary School

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## Autumn 2 Newsletter - Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope your families had a wonderful, relaxing break.

The first half term of the year was highly successful, and we are very impressed with your children's enthusiasm, curiosity and kindness. The new term is already off to a brilliant start. As ever, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to get in touch.

**NOTE:** Please send a large used t-shirt to school this week for your child's DT project to "Make do and mend". We would also appreciate any spare buttons, ribbons or other haberdashery you can donate. We will start our projects on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Gambier Miss Holder

### KEY DATES

w/c 10<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Anti-Bullying Week

18<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Girls Football – B team

24<sup>th</sup> Nov TRIP  
Charlton Athletic

25<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Girls Football – A team

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec  
Girls Football – A team

5<sup>th</sup> Dec  
FoH – Santa Visit

9<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Girls Football – B team

11<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Christmas Lunch  
Christmas Jumper Day

18<sup>th</sup> Dec  
10 am and 2 pm  
Christmas Show

19<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Last day of Autumn term

5<sup>th</sup> Jan  
First day of Spring term

**Maths** In maths, we will be delving deeper into the world of fractions. The children will be learning effective methods to add, subtract, multiply, divide and convert fractions. Their learning will continue to be supported by online learning with LbQ. Additionally, we are competing in the England Rocks multiplication competition on TTRS. Every answer counts, so encourage your child to log on frequently!

**Literacy** Writing this term will be based on the classic Emily Dickinson poem, *Hope is the Thing with Feathers* and excerpts from *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. Children will write a poem with an extended metaphor as well as convey a character's perspective through contrasting narratives.

**Science** this term investigates the properties of light. The children will plan and conduct experiments on how to make shadows get bigger and smaller. They will also be able to explain how light from the sun reflects off the moon.

## **Foundation**

The wider curriculum will also provide the children with some great learning experiences this term.

RE: Sikhism                      Geography: North America                      Spanish: Classroom objects

Outdoor PE: Football skills    Indoor PE: Leadership in games    DT: Make do and Mend

For an overview of all subjects, please visit the 'Curriculum' page on the Halstow website.

## **Winter Show**

In addition to their curriculum learning, the children are busily preparing for their winter show for you! They will be able to find the lyrics on their Google classroom accounts.

## **Home Learning**

Every week children will be assigned an LbQ maths activity (Independent) tailored to their learning goals. They are expected to read an age-appropriate book for 20 minutes every evening as well as practise their spellings and visit LbQ or TTRS every day. This works out to roughly 30 minutes per day. Encourage your child to record their books and pages read in their Reading Records.

## **Walking Home Alone/Mobile Phones**

Some families decide to let their Year 6 children walk home alone and carry a mobile phone with them to school. Mobile phones are not allowed in the classroom and must be handed in to the school office each morning. They will be returned to your child at the end of the day. Children are requested to keep phones off until they have left the school gates.

If you would like to give your child permission to walk home on their own, please email the school office. This ensures we have a record of your child's permissions.

## **School Journey**

The Year 6 School Journey to PGL Osmington Bay in March 2026 is coming quickly. If you have any questions, please get in touch with your class teacher. This is an incredible week for building confidence and independence. The memories will last a lifetime!

All the best to you and your families,

Mrs Gambier and Miss Holder