

# Halstow Primary School

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## Spring 1 Newsletter - Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is truly wonderful to have you all back. We hope your breaks were restful and full of family and fun.

Year 6 has a very busy and exciting half term ahead of them. The learning pace will accelerate in response to your children's excellent engagement and thirst for learning.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Gambier      Miss Holder

### KEY DATES

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

8<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Online workshop with  
Katherine Rundell

9<sup>th</sup> Jan, 4:15 pm – 6:30 pm  
Film Workshop  
**Sign up required**

w/c 12<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Practice SATs week

13<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Girls Football – A

21<sup>st</sup> Jan  
**TRIP:** Young Voices

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 5:00 – 5:30 pm  
Online Meeting  
PGL School Journey

27<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Girls Football - A&B

w/c 9<sup>th</sup> Feb  
**TRIP:** Tate Modern

10<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Girls Football – A&B

12<sup>th</sup> Feb  
FoH Silent Disco

13<sup>th</sup> Feb - Evening  
FoH Make Up Sale

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>rd</sup> Feb  
Half Term Break

**Maths** In maths, our focus will be ratio. The children will be learning to apply their understanding of multiplication and scaling to solve problems involving ratio. Their lessons will continue to be supported by online learning with LbQ.

**Literacy** This term literacy lessons are designed to really engage children's imagination. We will first write a newspaper report about the mysterious disappearance of a child. This will give the children the opportunity to hone their skills in writing direct and reported speech as well as reflecting different 'voices' of their characters – for example, a police chief would speak very differently than another child. In the last few weeks, children will be writing an informative survival guide in case of a zombie attack!

**Reading** Our reading lessons will focus on David Almond's excellent book **Skellig**. If you have access to a copy, please encourage your child to bring it in and read it at home.

**Science** Lessons in science will improve children's understanding and knowledge of the circulatory system. The unit will culminate with the children designing their own scientific investigations into how exercise impacts the heart and lungs.

### **Foundation**

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

RE: Peace                      History: Women's roles after WW2                      Spanish: School subjects  
Outdoor PE: Tchoukball      Indoor PE: Gymnastics                      Art: Pop Art – Andy Warhol

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

### **Home Learning**

Now is a great time to start building good homework habits. Secondary school can be a bit of a shock to the system, so we have designed a routine children can achieve easily. Every week, children will be assigned an individualised LbQ maths activity. This can be completed in one 20-minute sitting.

Children are also 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**

Many families have decided 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. There will be an online informational meeting on **22<sup>nd</sup> January at 5:00 pm**. Additionally, if you have any questions, please get in touch with your class teacher.

All the best to you and your families,

Mrs Gambier and Miss Holder