

# Halstow Primary School

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Dear parents and guardians,

Welcome to the summer term! It is hard to believe that we only have two terms left this year.

## Literacy



In Reading and Writing, we have begun the term with 'Malala's Magic Pencil'. The children will be using this text and their learning about Malala, to write their own persuasive speech about all children having the right to education. They will be using literary features such as rhetorical questions and the power of three to make their writing persuasive and convincing.

At the start of the term the children will be using Ted Hugh's 'The Iron Man' to focus on our 'making meaning' skills and to inspire a range of writing outcomes, we will be finishing this text next term. For the remainder of the term, the children will be reading Dick King Smith's classic novel, 'The Sheep-Pig'. Please make sure children don't read this independently at home, as we will be delving into all reading skills (including prediction). We will use this text as inspiration for character descriptions and a news report.

## Maths

In Maths this term, we follow the White Rose small steps and will be returning to fractions for the first part of the term, which will involve learning to add and subtract fractions. We will be following these steps and assessing the children's understanding throughout, and be moving on to money at the end of this term. We are attaching workbooks related to these units, these will give you an idea of what and how your children will be learning, but please bear in mind, that we do adapt Whiterose materials to suit the needs of our learners and adapt our teaching as needed. These can still be a useful tool to pre-teach to support your child's learning or do at the end of a unit to consolidate their learning, but please don't panic if your child is unsure about a question or method, it may be that we haven't covered it yet or have approached it in a different way.

We are continuing our multiplication programme which will be taught in discrete fluency sessions. These will be daily 10-minute lessons that will involve chanting and daily workbook practice as children come into class in the morning. We will have displays and resources in the classroom to support children in learning their tables. We are focussing on square multiplication facts. Your children should all have their TTRS log in to use for their home learning. Please make sure if you have the app, that you make sure to update it regularly, so that you are using the most current version. We will continue to set the two times tables on the app, as it is important that the children revisit prior learning.

Please contact the office if you are missing your child's log in, as they will have all the details. Numbots focuses on addition and subtraction fluency, and it is imperative that children are secure with their number bonds of single digits, tens, twenty and a hundred to support them in their next steps in their learning. <https://trockstars.com/>

### **Wider Curriculum**

In Science, we will be learning about light this term and have many interesting investigations ahead of us! In DT, we are finishing our unit on bridges, where children will be building draw-bridges with a partner, using a range of materials. In Computing, we will be focusing on the computing literacy skills by using PowerPoint to create a presentation linked to our Science learning. In Spanish, the children will be learning a familiar traditional tale, Little Red Riding Hood (Caperucita Roja). In RE, children will be learning about Buddhism. In PSHE, we will be discussing how we can make healthy choices to look after our bodies. In Geography, we will learning about Europe, including building our map reading skills, as well as learning about the physical and human geography of our continent.

In PE, children will be swimming until the end of the school year. Please ensure children continue to come in ready, with their costumes under their clothes, and a bag for anything they'll need to change. **Both classes will now be going on Wednesday morning.** Children will be learning tennis in outdoor PE. This term, Miss Cole's outdoor PE is on Thursdays and Mr Lawson's is on Fridays. It would be preferable not to send your child in with tights/dresses on this day and make sure they have comfortable clothing and shoes. Alternatively, you could send your child in with an extra pair of leggings or shorts to keep in their box.

If you need to contact us about anything, please get in touch with the school office on [hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk](mailto:hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk) and it will be redirected to the relevant person.

All the best to you and your families,

Miss Cole and Mr Lawson