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.

KEY DATES

6th Nov: Show racism the red card (Wear red to school)

WB 9th Nov: Assessment week

WB 16th Nov: Anti-bullying week

3rd Dec: Whole school orienteering day

10th Dec: Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

(TBC): Christmas show (exp last week of term)

18th Dec:
Last day of Autumn term

4th 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 Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. Children will write a persuasive speech as President Snow or Katniss Everdeen and a retell of a character from the Reaping.

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: Orienteering Indoor PE: Dance 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! The children have already been sent home with word packs to prepare for this.

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 2027 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,

Mr Stoodley and Miss Holder