

Year 2 Spring Newsletter

January 2026



Year Leader: Mr Cain

Badger Class: Mrs Rayner. TA: Mrs Dunn-Weedon

Owl Class: Miss Braddick. TA: Mrs Neely

Hedgehog Class: Mr Cain / Mrs Ganyo. TA: Miss Weekes

English – Writing

In English, we will be looking at lots of exciting books to inspire our writing.

We will build on the skills we learned in the previous term and use more adventurous language and grammar choices. We will be looking at a variety of Non-Fiction pieces of work.

We use Kinetic Letters as our handwriting scheme at Harrison. We will continue to work on the correct formation of letters and numbers throughout the year.

Joining will be taught towards the end of Year 2 in the Summer term.



Maths



In maths, we begin the term by learning about money. We will then move on to multiplication and division where we will learn written methods to solve a variety of problems and secure our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

In the second half term we will start by looking at Fractions of shape, objects and number.

Later this term, your child will be given login details to use Times Table Rockstars after the teaching of Multiplication in school -

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>.

Please encourage your child to log on and play the games. We will set challenges for homework tasks throughout the year.

Reading

It is important to hear your child read at least three times each week as this will increase fluency and understanding. Children should be encouraged to read a range of different texts. Oxford Owl and SORA are great resources that can be used at home and there are a wide selection of books on their sites. You can find details about using SORA here: <https://youtu.be/sYiXUP9ruG4>.

If you do not have your child's library card number to access this, please contact your class teacher and we will provide you with this.

Please ensure that your child has their books in school everyday as we will be using them in our class reading sessions.

We visit the school library weekly. Children are able to choose a book to take home and share but must remember to return it. Please make sure children have their library books with them on Thursdays.



Home Learning

Your child will receive home learning weekly. This will include a spellings task and either an English or Maths task which should take no longer than 20 minutes to complete. Home Learning will be given out on a Friday, to be handed in on the following Wednesday. It is important for children to do these homework tasks as it helps them to consolidate their school learning in a 1:1 environment with an adult at home. Children will be rewarded with merit points for completion of homework tasks and can also earn a merit point for each time they read at home to an adult too; as long as this is recorded on their reading card and handed in on a Wednesday.

Foundation Curriculum

Science

During this term we will be learning about animals and their habitats.

Computing

We will be learning about online safety and our digital footprint.

Music

During the term we will use different musical instruments to explore pitch, tempo and dynamics.

RE

We will be looking at the concept of 'remembering' with a particular focus on Judaism.

Games/P.E.

In our outdoor PE sessions with Mrs Tata; we will be developing our throwing and catching skills during Spring 1 and will then develop our football skills during Spring 2. In our indoor PE sessions; we will explore movement through dance.

History

We will learn all about the life of Lord Admiral Nelson and why he is famous.

PSCHE

We will learn about what bullying is and who we can talk to.

DT

We will be designing a moving vehicle



Other Important Information and Dates

It is important for children to have access to water during their learning time so please could your child bring a labelled water bottle each day.

Free fruit is provided for children but your child may want to bring their own healthy snack to school to eat during break. No nut containing products please!

We will be doing lots of our learning outside so please ensure your child has a coat and suitable footwear.

- ❖ **Our Year 2 show; Eddie the Penguin saves the world will be performed to parents on Tuesday 3rd February from 9.30-10 and Wednesday 4th February from 2.30-3. Due to space limitations in the hall, we can only allow for 2 seats per family. We will send out an online form for you to select your date in the coming weeks. Costume letters will also follow soon. Some children will bring home lines to learn too. The children are already very excited and rehearsals started this week!**
- ❖ **Our school trip this year will be to Marwell Zoo. This trip will take place on Tuesday 10th February. The trip links in to our Science learning on animals and their habitats. We are delighted to be able to offer this new trip at Harrison. More details will follow soon. Traditionally Year 2 visit HMS Victory, but this trip is not viable for us this year due to their renovation works.**

