

Year 5 Spring Newsletter

January 2026



Happy New Year! We hope you all had a restful break and look forward to welcoming your child back for a new term.

Year Leader: Miss Weld

5W: Miss Weld, Mrs Wells, Mrs Trott, Miss Ellis

5M: Miss Meadows and Mrs Good

5R: Mrs Roberts and Mrs James

English – Writing

In English, our units will link to our topics. We will be starting the year studying the text 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty.

Our class reader will also link with our History unit on the Victorians: Oliver Twist.



Maths

In **maths**, we will begin by continuing our work on fractions that we started last term. Following this, we will be using multiplication and division in calculations; we will be introducing quicker, formal methods. Further to this, we will be exploring the short method for division including 'bus stop'. Later, we will move onto covering decimals and percentages. These methods will rely on children's quick recall of timetables facts. Any further practice or support you can give your children with their times tables at home would be appreciated.



Home Learning

Your child will continue to receive home learning each week. These tasks should take approximately 30 minutes each and will be given out on a Friday, to be handed in on the following Wednesday. Your child will be given spellings each week, which they will practise every day in school and they should practise these at home too.

In addition to this, children should still be reading regularly - please remember you can login to your 'Sora' accounts with the Library Service, where they can easily discover a wide range of books. The children also need to continue to practise their multiplication tables, 'Times Table Rockstars' is a great way to do this.

P.E. DAYS

When it is your child's P.E. day, please send them into school in an appropriate kit. Earrings should be removed or taped at home and long hair must be tied back.

5W – Tuesdays and Fridays

5M/W - Tuesdays and Fridays

5R – Tuesdays and Fridays



Foundation Curriculum

Science

We will be studying Materials and their properties. We will begin to think about changes that are reversible and irreversible.

History

We are exploring The Victorians and British inventions in January and will study The Mayans after half term.

Art & DT

In DT, we will be building bridges inspired by the great British industrialist, Isambard Kingdom Brunel. After half term, we will be making Mayan inspired masks from cardboard.

Music

Children will be learning to play the guitar with Mr McBeath from Hampshire Music Service.

RE

We will explore the concept of 'ritual', before exploring the concept of 'sacrifice' in Christianity.

PSHCE

We will learn how we can help in an accident and emergency, understanding basic First Aid.

Computing

This term we are covering the units, 'We are Engineers' and 'We are Artists.'

MFL

We will be learning how to describe a journey to school.



E-safety continues to be a priority at Harrison and when the children are at home. This includes using: You Tube, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and email. The minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik and Snapchat is 13. You Tube requires account holders to be 18, but a 13-year-old can sign up with a parent's permission. Despite these clearly stated and published age restrictions, large and growing numbers of children 12 and under are using social media networks often with their parent's knowledge and consent. E-safety is therefore of paramount importance.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or questions about your child's learning this term.

Important Dates

***5R Class Assembly – Wednesday 21st January 2026**

***A Midsummer Night's Dream Production –Wednesday 28th January 2026**