

Houghton Regis Primary School

'Where Everyone Matters and Every Day Counts'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to share with you the key topics and themes that your children will be exploring over this half term.

In English, we will be reading *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce. We will be following the Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar for the first few weeks, where we will be consolidating our understanding of punctuation and grammar before applying this to our writing. This half term, we will also focus on writing a non-chronological report and a recount.

In maths, we will be developing our understanding of numbers. This will include: place value, roman numerals, ordering and comparing numbers, rounding numbers and written and mental strategies for adding and subtracting with more than 4 digits. We will also be having weekly arithmetic lessons to further develop our number fluency.

This half term, our science lessons will focus on forces. We will discover how forces affect everything around us. We will learn about the effects of gravity, friction, air and water resistance.

History will focus on the Ancient Maya where we will find out where they lived. We will be exploring their religious beliefs and understanding their writing and number systems. In art, we will be carrying out space themed art work following the style of Peter Thorpe. We will also be exploring and using a range of tools and techniques to create a Mayan mask. In computing we will be looking at computing systems and networks. The children will be learning about what it means for Christians to believe that God is Holy and loving, discussing how this is symbolised in Christianity during our RE lessons. Our PSHE topic this half term is Being Me In My World. For music, we use Charanga and we will be looking at the unit 'Living on a Prayer'. We will be continuing to develop our Spanish language skills by learning useful phrases, asking questions, using conjunctions to join sentences and the use of future tense words.

PE will take place on Monday and Thursday afternoons so please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kits.

One piece of Maths CGP and Reading CGP homework will be sent home each week on a Friday. Homework is due in the following week ready to be marked on Friday.

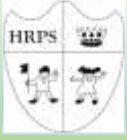
Spellings will be given out on a Thursday, to be learnt daily and tested the following Thursday. Understanding the definitions of these words will help the children to use them in their writing. Children must read at least 3 times a week. This can be a mixture of independent and to an adult. A quiz is then to be taken on the book via Accelerated Reader and the book can then be changed.

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Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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