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Year 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, the children watched Oliver Twist to start our new unit for English. They have then explored a range of grammatical features and applied their knowledge to write sentences about the film. In maths, the children have continued exploring addition and subtraction by looking at word problems and the inverse. In art, the children have started to think about adding colour to their portraits. They have drawn themselves in Victorian clothing but are now adding colour based of Pop art influences! In science, the children have used the chromebooks to research information about endangered animals and created fact files. In history the children have learnt about life for poor children in the workhouses and how this compared to children from rich families.

Maths – Next week, the children will be exploring multiplication and division.

English – Next week, the children will be writing a persuasive letter to Mr Bumble the owner of the Victorian workhouse to ask for better conditions for the children living there.

Homework

This week for homework, the children have their usual spellings. They have doodle maths homework and a homework in preparation for their next computing unit.

In their next computing unit, the children will be learning how to film, put together and edit a short piece of film. For homework, we are asking children to think of 5 ideas of games they could potentially film. For one of these games, they need to then write instructions / rules on how to play it. Please try to advise them to keep games as simple as possible. E.G. a card game like 'go fish', 'rock, paper, scissors', 'everyone's it' or chopsticks (the children probably know these last two).

An example of instructions will be below

Rock Paper Scissors

To play Rock Paper Scissors, face an opponent, count down while pumping your fist, and simultaneously show one of three hand signs to see who wins.

The Three Hand Signs

- *Rock: A closed, clenched fist.*
- *Paper: A flat, open hand with your palm facing down.*
- *Scissors: A fist with your index and middle fingers extended out in a V-shape.*

Winning Rules

- *Rock beats scissors (Rock smashes scissors).*
- *Scissors beat paper (Scissors cut paper).*
- *Paper beats rock (Paper covers rock).*
- *If both players choose the same sign, it is a tie and you play the round again.*
- *Games are often played as a best-of-three or best-of-five series.*

How to Play a Round

- *Stand face-to-face with your partner.*
- *Tap your dominant fist into your open palm or pump your fist up and down.*
- *Say the cadence together: "Rock, paper, scissors, shoot".*
- *On the word "shoot", reveal your hand sign instantly (rock, paper or scissors).*

Decide who wins based on the rules above

Doodle (English and Maths)

Please can we ask that you update your Doodlemaths/English apps if you are using them on a tablet. This can sometimes cause the problems of homework not appearing or us seeing that homework has not been complete when it has.

Also, please can you remind your child that they need to collect the stars at the end of the homework. If they do not collect the stars, the homework does not show as being completed.

Cardboard

If you have any cardboard boxes, you do not want, please can your child bring them into school. We are looking for lots of cardboard for our upcoming DT projects. The bigger the boxes, the better.

New website

Please can we remind you that we have a new school website:
https://www.harlynprimaryschool.co.uk/

The old website is no longer updated and will be removed soon.

Parents' evening

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, is parents' evening, if you have not booked an appointment, please contact the office.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Ivory, Miss Griggs and Mr Fox 😊

Dates for your diary

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- 13th October – Parents' evening
- 14th October – Parents' evening
- 22nd October – End of term
- 23rd October – INSET day
- 26-30th October – Half term
- 2nd November – School starts for Autumn 2