



Curriculum Information - Year 2

Spring Term 1 2025 – 6th January 2025-14th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new year to you all and welcome back to the spring term. Our topic for this half term is “How did we learnt to fly” Where possible lessons in all curriculum areas will link with this topic but English , maths and RE will be taught discretely.

English	This term the children will continue to develop their reading skills through spelling lessons and guided reading. We will also have regular handwriting practice. In our English lessons we will begin by focusing on the fairy tale of Rapunzel by Beth Woolvin. The children will be describing the characters and retelling the story. We will then move onto using the book Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies and Nick Land to support us in our English lessons.
Maths	This half term Year 2 will continue to practice core number skills during regular maths fluency sessions. This half term our maths will focus on addition and subtracting. Children will be learning to add and subtract 2 digit numbers using manipulative resources and then written methods. We will also be using our knowledge of addition and subtraction to solve word problems and to find double or half or a 2 digit number.
Science	Our Science topic this half term is Materials. We will focus on recognising the suitability of materials for specific purposes, exploring how actions like stretching and bending affect solid objects, compare material suitability through tests and record data.
PE/LOTC	PE and Learning outside the classroom lessons will continue to happen on a Friday. In our PE lessons the children will be taking part in Gymnastics lessons and learning all the skills required to make their own sequence of movements.
RE	In RE our topic will focus on Branch 3 Galilee to Jerusalem. We will focus on the story of John The Baptist and the Baptism of Jesus. We will also begin to look at the importance of parables and how they teach people about God. We will take a closer look at different representations of Jesus Baptism, God the Father and the Holy Sprit and look at how they are connected. We will also look at making simple links with Isaiah and John the Baptist as prophets, and their openness to the Holy Spirit. Ending the topic with reflecting on what it feels like to say sorry and to be forgiven and then talk about ways that they and others show they are sorry.
Humanities Arts Computing	<p>History – Our topic is “ How did we learnt to fly’ . During this unit of work the children will be developing their knowledge of events beyond living memory and reinforcing their chronological understanding by looking at significant events in the history of flight on a timeline. Learning about the individuals who contributed to the history of flight.</p> <p>DT- The theme is Structures – Baby Bear’s chair. The children will explore stability and methods to strengthen structures, to understand Baby Bear’s chair weaknesses and develop an improved solution for him to use.</p> <p>Music - In music Miss Clifford and Miss Parmley will be carrying out lessons focusing on developing:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use their voice to create a variety of sounds, Use dynamics to create atmosphere, Correctly identify some instruments and changes in dynamics in a piece, Explain how the same instrument can have many different sounds, Compare two pieces of music using some musical vocabulary to describe the changes in tempo, dynamics and timbre, Successfully create and play a motif, Notate and write down their motif in some form.
Home Learning	<p>Homework will be set every Friday on Google Classroom: Reading (1 library books and 1 reading book per week) Spelling activity each week and a weekly activity linked to maths or topic work. Times Tables Rock Star</p>

Cold Weather

As the weather continues to cold, please ensure your child brings to school a jumper or cardigan and that they have a suitable coat and shoes to wear to enable them to take part in outdoor learning. Please also ensure your child brings to school a **named water bottle each day**.

Continue to check the school newsletter, website and Facebook page for important dates and information

Should you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss please email year2@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Parmley

Year 2 Teacher