



Curriculum Information - Nursery

Spring 2- 24th February 2024- 4th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't believe we are over half way through the school year already. The children have started to notice the first signs of spring with shoots emerging and buds on the trees. We have enjoyed a few lovely sunny days and are looking forward to some warmer weather when we can really spend more time outside.

This half term our topic is 'Let's get Growing' and our focus texts include The Little Red Hen and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We also have World Book Day and Science Week just around the corner then will finish the half term learning more about the Easter story.

Communication and Language	The children will be listening to and retelling longer stories. They will be encouraged to answer 'why' questions using the word because. Through our Child Initiated Learning they will develop their play through communicating their ideas effectively with the support of adult engagement.
Physical Development	The focus of PE lessons this term will be gymnastics. We will also be making bread and learning how to wash our hands thoroughly beforehand. In early morning activities we will include cutting skills that will require more accuracy and skill.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	We have more sessions planned with our year 3 buddies, they have been very caring and helpful and they will be reading to us for World Book Day. We will also reflect on our school values and our new behaviour curriculum and think about how we can show these values in the classroom and towards one another.

<p>Literacy</p>	<p>We will be learning new sounds; u, r, l, h, b and f. Please use the Little Wandles website which has lots of information and support for parents For parents Letters and Sounds.</p> <p>We will be retelling stories then using our imagination to make up our own. We plan to make these ideas into our very own books for the classroom.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>We will be covering height, weight and capacity. We will be comparing using manipulatives and learning key words like; tallest, shortest, heaviest and lightest. Then we will move on to problem solving by giving them simple mathematical problems in the context of role play.</p>
<p>Understanding of the world</p>	<p>Through Science Week we will take part in a range of hands-on investigations and experiments which will help the children improve their scientific skills like observing, noticing patterns and drawing conclusions.</p> <p>We will also go on a Spring walk to notice and learn the different signs of Spring.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p>	<p>We will have a focus on junk modelling, learning different ways to attach and connect materials to create something new.</p> <p>We will be making Easter Gardens where the children will be designing and making gardens to take home that will remind them that Jesus is alive.</p>
<p>RE</p>	<p>This half term our RE branch is 'Desert to Garden'. Children will learn about Lent and Easter, know the different signs of Lent and Easter and how we can care for others like Jesus wants us to.</p>

Key information:

Please ensure children arrive promptly at 8.40. Morning only children will be dismissed at the playground gate at 12pm and children staying all day will be dismissed at 3.15 at the rainbow gate. Parents must wait on the left hand side of the gate. Please notify the office before the end of the school day if somebody different will be picking your child up.

P.E. and outdoor learning will be on **Wednesdays** so please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kits. In this cold weather you may want to send in warm socks for Forest School as feet can get cold quickly in wellies.

Our library visit will be on a **Thursday** where the children can change their library books if they have returned their previous book.

Please ensure your child brings a jumper or cardigan and that they have a suitable coat as well as hat, scarf and gloves as the weather is now much colder. They must also have a **named** change of clothes to keep on their peg.

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.

Please remember it should be water only in water bottles, no juice.

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 nursery@holyfamily.hert.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your support

Miss Tinsley and Mrs Lovell

Nursery Teachers