



Curriculum Information - Year 2

Summer Term 1 –22nd April 2025 – 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. Our topic for this half term is “Why is our world wonderful?” Where possible lessons in all curriculum areas will link with this topic with a focus on plants and animals and wonders of the world.

English	This term children will continue to develop their reading skills through spelling and guided reading sessions. We will base our English lessons on the book <i>The Lost Homework</i> by Richard O’Neill for the first couple of weeks ending with the children writing their own narrative about an experience of their own or others. The children will then move onto using the book called “How to wash a Woolly Mammoth” by Michelle Robinson for the final few weeks of the half term working towards the outcome of writing their own set of instructions.
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 multiplication and division. Children will learn their 2,5- and 10-times tables. We will also learn about finding a fraction of a shape or an amount.
Science	Our Science topic this half term is plants. Children will learn about the names and function of the parts of a plant and investigate whether plants need water and sunlight to grow. Children will make careful observations of how a plant grows and what it needs.
PE	In PE this half term the children will be learning to play invasion games and developing skills of passing and controlling the ball.
RE	This half term in R.E. Year 2 pupils will revisit the events of the Ascension and Pentecost to deepen their understanding of the Holy Spirit as the ‘quiet guest of our soul’, as described by St Augustine. They explore how the Holy Spirit transforms people, both inwardly and outwardly, through the gifts and fruits of the Spirit. By reflecting on the lives and prayers of the apostles, St Paul, and other saints, pupils begin to recognise how Christian virtues like patience and self-control grow from a rich interior life. They learn the names of the fruits of the Spirit and consider how prayer and reflection help these bear fruit in daily actions. Pupils are introduced to the idea that welcoming the Holy Spirit into their hearts leads to personal transformation, inspiring change in the wider world. Through the prayer ‘Come, Holy Spirit’, they consider how Christians invite this transformation, which brings renewal and peace to both individuals and communities.
Humanities Arts Computing	<p>Geography –The children will learn to - Identify and locate characteristics of the UK on a map. Identify human and physical features. Locate human and physical features on a world map. Explain the difference between oceans and seas. Name and locate the five oceans on a world map. Use an aerial photograph to draw a simple sketch map. Collect data by sketching findings on a map and completing a tally chart. Present their findings in a bar chart.</p> <p>Art and Design- Map it out – Children will learn to investigate maps as a stimulus for drawing. To learn and apply the steps of the felt making process. To experiment with a craft technique to develop an idea. To develop ideas and apply craft skills when printmaking. To present artwork and evaluate it against a design brief.</p> <p>Music – Miss Clifford will continue to support Miss Parmley teaching Music lessons with a focus on orchestral instruments.</p>

RSHE	Following the life to the full scheme. We will cover the following lessons. Module 2, Unit 3 Session 1 : Being safe Session 2: Good secrets and bad secrets Session 3: Physical contact Session 4 Harmful substances Session 5: Can you help me?
Home Learning	Children will be expected to complete the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reading – 10-15 minutes (please log this on Boom Reader) • Weekly spelling activity to be set on Google classroom each Friday. • Weekly Maths activity to be set on Google classroom each Friday. • Times tables Rockstars – 10-15 minutes per week. • Share the Wednesday Word Gospel reading with your child.

Other Notices –

As the weather begins to get warmer, please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school each day and a name sun cap and suncream has been applied.

Our PE and LOTC days will be on a Tuesday. Please make sure your child comes to school on this day dressed for PE.

Your child should have a bookmark with the logins that they need to complete their homework. Should you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss please email me on the class email year2@hollyfamily.herts.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Parmley

Year 2 Class Teacher