



Curriculum Information - Year 2

Autumn term 1 2025 – 3rd September 2025 -23rd October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to see the children all back at school again this term and settling into Year 2! We will be covering a range of subject areas this half term as outlined below, and our topic is Would you prefer to live in hot or cold place? Maths and RE will continue to be taught discretely

English	For the first week of this half term, we will be using the book <i>The Tree and The River</i> by Aaron Becker. to support us in our English lessons. The next texts that Year 2 will be studying are <i>Frog and the stranger</i> and <i>How to make friend with a ghost</i> by Rebecca Green. Children will be developing their knowledge of clauses and sentences. They will learn to retell familiar stories and to write a set of instructions. Our final unit of work is a poetry unit using the book <i>The Fantastic Book of First poems</i> by June Crebbin. During our spelling sessions children will revise the phase 5 phonemes and apply them to their reading and writing and begin to move onto phase 6 using the Little Wandle Scheme of work.
Maths	Children will develop their understanding place value. They will be reading and writing numbers to 100. Recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones) Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations including the number line. Compare and order numbers from zero up to 100; use and = signs. They will be adding and subtracting within 20 and reinforcing their knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 100.
Science	Our Science topic this half term is Living things and their Habitats, Children will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. We will describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.
PE	In this unit pupils develop the skills needed to play Target Games. They will work on throwing under and overarm , developing their aim and hitting targets.
RE	In RE our topic will focus on- <u>Branch 1 – Creation and Covenant</u> - God makes a covenant with Noah to save all living Things. Understand the term 'stewardship'. The Sacrament of Baptism.
Humanities Arts Computing	Geography- Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place. Art – Sculpting - Making Clay houses. Computing – Introduction to Purple Mash and Route explorers- This will be taught by Mrs Digullio. Music –The topic this half term will be West African call and response. PSHE – children will cover a range of topics linked to returning to school. Topics include: belonging and feeling safe at school, reconnecting with friends, being positive towards learning and managing worries and fears.
Home Learning	Homework will be set every Friday on Google Classroom: Reading (1 library books and 1 reading book per week) – Library books due to back to school on a Tuesday and reading books on Thursday with new ones being issued on a Friday. Spelling activity each week and a weekly activity linked to maths or topic work. Numbots and a practical activity once a week for 10-15 minutes.

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@hollyfamily.herts.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Parmley

Year 2 Teacher