



## **Curriculum Information - Nursery**

### **Spring 1- 5th January – 13th February 2026**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

This half term our topics will be Dinosaurs and Animals and our focus texts will be Very Important Dinosaurs, Meet the Dinosaurs, Farmyard Hullabaloo and the Little Red Hen. We will also spend time learning about Epiphany, Lunar New Year and the change in season to winter.

<b>Communication and Language</b>	<p>The children will start to listen to longer stories and join in with repeating parts using animal books. They will answer a range of questions, starting to understand 'why?' with our non-fiction focus on dinosaurs. They will continue to learn how to respond appropriately to a range of questions and know the importance of listening carefully when someone else is speaking.</p> <p>We will be recalling our Christmas news and taking turns to share our weekend news with the class.</p>
<b>Physical Development</b>	<p>The children will continue to develop their independence in going to the toilet, washing hands, putting shoes and coats on and preparing and having their snack.</p> <p>In PE the children will be learning how to control different sized balls with their bodies. We will also be continuing Write Dance which will give the children a strong foundation for writing.</p>
<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>	<p>We will be having regular circle times to help us identify different feelings and thinking about what makes a good friend. We will link this with the feeling and attributes of characters in our core texts this half term.</p> <p>We will also continue to practise sharing, turn taking and calm and positive conflict resolution strategies when disagreements arise.</p>
<b>Literacy</b>	<p>Our focus this half term is non-fiction with the use of dinosaur books. We will start to identify what is a non-fiction book and learn facts about dinosaurs. Then we will move onto animals where we will use our imagination to think of a simple animal story. They will make puppets, books and masks to help them retell stories.</p>

<b>Mathematics</b>	This half term we will be focusing on numbers 1-3. They will practise counting, subitizing and comparing numbers. They will use manipulatives to show numbers to 5 in different ways and will do this through playing games and group activities.
<b>Understanding of the world</b>	<p>In Forest School we will be going on winter walk and identifying different signs of Winter. We will be learning to take care of our environment as we start to see shoots and buds emerging.</p> <p>We will be making bread to fit in with our focus book 'The Little Red Hen' and learn the importance of hand washing, following a recipe and thinking about where our food comes from.</p> <p>Our science focus is on materials.</p>
<b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>	We will be using instruments to help us tell stories, singing a variety of new songs and nursery rhymes and creating characters and settings from our focus stories with collage.
<b>RE</b>	Our focus in RE is Galilee to Jerusalem and that Jesus was born for everyone. We will be reading and role playing stories from the Bible such as Jesus welcomes the little children and Jesus blesses the children.

#### 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](mailto: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