



Curriculum Information - Year 1

Spring 1 January 6th 2026 – February 13th 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Year 1! I will be at the door every morning (except Friday) if you have any questions for me or you can email me at the year 1 address. Homework is currently provided every Friday and will include phonics and a maths activity. I am happy to receive it any day and you can send it to me electronically or your child can bring it into school on paper.

English	This half term we will focus on the texts Stanley's stick, Ruby's worry, Ravi's roar and Oi Frog. Children will be writing labels, their own narrative, their own recount and their own poem. The focus will be on the children writing complete sentences which make sense before writing a sequence of sentences. We will continue to have a daily phonics session.
Maths	This half term in maths children will focus on measures. This will include developing their language and ability to compare length, height and weight. In number, the children will add and subtract one and two digit numbers to 20 before solving number problems and missing number problems such as $7 = _ - 9$.
Science	Our science topic is sensitive bodies. We will be carrying out various investigations starting with: do people with bigger feet have bigger hands? We will be looking to see which body parts are associated with each sense and will be using our senses to investigate and develop our vocabulary to describe what we see, hear, taste, touch or smell.
PE	We will have a PE session every Monday and children should come to school dressed in their PE kit. This half term we will focus on dance and developing skills to use a count of 8 to stay in time with each other and with the music.
RE	In R.E. our topic for the half term is from Galilee to Jerusalem. We will be hearing and retelling stories from the Gospel of Luke including: The presentation, the little children and the story of Zaccheaus.
Humanities Arts Computing	Geography - Our geography topic is about what the weather is like in the UK. We will learn to name the 4 parts of the UK and their capital cities. They will also identify the 4 compass directions and seasonal change. In D.T. we will explore stable structures and will design and make our own pencil pots. For this we will need small boxes (such as cereal boxes) and cardboard tubes such as kitchen roll tubes or wrapping paper tubes please. Computing - We will explore instructions and will learn that an algorithm is a set of instructions.
Home Learning	Homework will be set every Friday: Reading (1 library books and 1 reading book per week) Phonics activity. Maths activity every week.

Cold Weather

As the weather may continue to be cold this half term, 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. I hope to update the website regularly this term so please take a look.

Should you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss please email year1@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Roycroft

Year 1 Teacher