



Curriculum Information - Year 1

Spring 2- 23rd February – 27th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, thank you for your support last half term. It has been great to see the children tackling the homework each week. Please do ask if you are unsure about anything as I am here to help. Homework will continue to be provided every Friday, on paper or by email, and will include extra phonics. We will begin with some work on split digraphs before reading lists of words in order to prepare for the phonics screening check. You will come across alien words which are not real words but are an important part of this work! They check that the children are actually blending sounds together rather than reading words they know on sight only - reading what they actually see rather than what they think they see!

English	<p>This half term we will focus on the texts Oi frog, Madlenka, Martha maps it! Children will be writing a poem and a personal narrative. The focus will initially be on the children recognising and writing rhyme and we will then focus on writing a longer series of complete sentences with correct punctuation and added use of and, but and because. We will continue to have a daily phonics session.</p> <p>March 6th is World book day and I would appreciate your support in getting your children to dress up as an adjective (as crazy or simple as you like) and if you can sending in a book you would be happy to gift to another child. My plan is that every child will come home with a book new to them at the end of the day.</p>
Maths	<p>This half term we will start with looking at the difference between two numbers and at various ways to make a given number (looking at equivalence - for example knowing that 6 and 6 is 12 but also that 6 and 3 and 3 is also 12). We will also be working more on part/whole models and identifying a missing part, for example $13 = 8 + ?$ We will also count in 2s, 5s and 10s before looking at coins and comparing values using 1p,2p,5p,10p and 20p.</p>
Science and History	<p>Our topic in science is animals. The children will name and describe the physical features of a range of animals before sorting them into groups based on their similarities and differences. We will then Identify characteristics specific to mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. Finally, we will recall the diets of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">In history we are finding out about how toys have changed. In week 2 it would be great if a parent or grandparent could be free to come in and talk about their favourite toy from when they were 5 or 6 years old to the children. We can work around you and will put it in at any time that is best. Please let me know if something you could do? Thank you.</p>
PE	<p>We will have a PE session every Monday and the children should come to school dressed in their PE kit. This half term we will focus on invasion games. The children will be</p>

	playing various ball games and will be working on being defenders and attackers in the games.
RE	In R.E. we will learn about Desert to Garden. We will focus on Lent as a preparation for Easter. We will learn about the last week of Jesus' life, his death and the resurrection, concluding with the women encountering the angel at the empty tomb.
Art Computing	Art - We will focus on painting and making colours. The children will mix secondary colours and will paint a plate inspired by Clarice Cliff. Computing - We will explore animated stories and create our own using animation and sounds.
Home Learning	Homework will be set every Friday: Reading (1 library book and 1 reading book per week). Phonics activities and a maths activity every week.

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 year1@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Roycroft

Year 1 Teacher