



## Curriculum Information - Year 1

### Summer 1- April 14th – May 22nd 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term. Our topic this half term will focus on plants. English will be linked to key books with daily phonics and guided reading sessions. The children will also be practising their phonics (reading real and nonsense words) ready for the phonics check which I will do with them in June. Maths and R.E. will continue to be taught discretely.

<b>English</b>	This half term we will focus on the book 'Little Red and the lion'. The children will write letters, story maps and will finally retell the story in the form of their own zig zag book which they will gift to another child. We will continue to have a daily phonics session. We are also having 3 handwriting lessons every week where children are learning the correct formation of letters in formal handwriting books.
<b>Maths</b>	This half term in maths children will firstly focus on counting in twos, fives and tens . We will then move on to focus more deeply on multiplication. This will include dividing equally and remainders and repeated addition.
<b>Science</b>	Children will learn to name the basic parts of a plant, including seeds. They will have the opportunity to plant their own seeds and to make observations of how they grow over time. Children will also learn to identify, name and describe a variety of garden and wild plants as well as evergreen and deciduous trees. In their final lesson, the children will use all of their knowledge gained throughout the topic to identify, compare and classify plants.
<b>History</b>	We are looking at explorers and how they have changed the world. We will focus on Christopher Columbus, Mary Kingsley, Matthew Henson and Dame Ellen Mac Arthur. We will look at where they travelled to and what their achievements were.
<b>PE</b>	We will have a PE session every Monday and children should come to school dressed in their PE kit every Monday. This half term we will focus on athletics. This will include throwing towards a target, running at different speeds and jumping as far as we can.
<b>RE</b>	In R.E. we will learn about Jesus going to heaven and the thoughts of the disciples. We will think about Jesus sending us a special helper - the Holy Spirit. We will retell the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and celebrate the birth of the church.
<b>D.T. Computing</b>	In D.T. we will investigate and then design, make and evaluate a smoothie using fruits and vegetables. We will focus on the skills of chopping, juicing and evaluating.
<b>Home Learning</b>	Homework will be set every Friday: Reading ( 1 library book and 1 reading book per week). There will be a phonics activity and a maths activity every week.

Please ensure your child brings to school a jumper or cardigan 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](mailto:year1@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk) or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Roycroft

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