



## **Curriculum Information - Nursery**

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and the children have had some well-deserved time off. We can't believe we only have one more term left until our N2 children move up into reception. This half term our topics are 'Planting and Growing' and 'How I have Changed'.

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| <b>Communication and Language</b>                 | <p>This term, our topic will be 'Planting and Growing'. We will begin by exploring how plants grow, with a focus on planting seeds and observing the changes that happen over time. The children will have opportunities to care for plants and learn what they need to grow strong and healthy.</p> <p>As the topic develops, we will then reflect on how we have grown too. The children will be encouraged to think about the ways they have changed, what they can do now that they couldn't do before, and how they continue to learn and develop every day.</p>  |
| <b>Physical Development</b>                       | <p>Our topic will support the children's physical development through hands-on activities such as watering plants, digging, and taking part in fun movement sessions like a "plant dance," where they can stretch, curl, and grow just like plants.</p> <p>Our unit of PE this term is gymnastics; the children will be learning how to hold different positions using their bodies. We will also start preparing for sports day.</p>  |
| <b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b> | <p>We will continue to have a big focus on the children's personal, social and emotional development. Through group activities and discussions, the children will learn to take turns, share resources, and work together to care for their plants. They will be encouraged to develop confidence, express their feelings, and take pride in their achievements as they watch both their plants and themselves grow.</p> <p>In a few weeks we will have a focus week on healthy lifestyles- learning about exercise, choosing healthy food and drink and brushing teeth which will closely link with our PE.</p> |

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| <p><b>Literacy</b></p>                   | <p>The children will create a 'How to care for a plant' poster with the purpose of teaching other children in the school to care for the plants that grow here.</p> <p>The children will also make a book all about how they have grown and changed since they were a baby.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to notice print in the environment. Can they spot any letters from their name on shop signs or recognise familiar logos when out and about?</p>  |
| <p><b>Mathematics</b></p>                | <p>In maths this half term we will be starting with patterns, teaching the children to create a simple AB repeated pattern then challenging them with creating an ABC pattern. They will be matching shapes, subitising amounts to 5 and counting quantities using one to one correspondence.</p> <p>It would really help the children this term if they spent time at home doing some jigsaw puzzles, talking about the pictures, patterns and shapes of the pieces.</p>   |
| <p><b>Understanding of the world</b></p> | <p>The children will explore the natural environment and learn about what plants need to survive, such as sunlight, water, and soil. They will observe changes over time, talk about what they notice, and begin to understand simple life cycles. We will also encourage curiosity by asking questions and exploring the world around us.</p> <p>They will all plant a sunflower seed and care for it over time. We also have other seeds and beans the children will help to plant in our veg patch.</p> <p>Then we will look at our baby photos as well as speaking to some parents and grandparents to find out about how we change over time. We will be comparing similarities and differences between different stages of our lives.</p> |
| <p><b>Expressive Arts and Design</b></p> | <p>The children will create blossom trees that will be displayed on our seasons tree. Then will also do some hapa zome, caring for a baby role play and learn some songs links to plants and growing.</p>   |
| <p><b>RE</b></p>                         | <p>To the Ends of the Earth</p> <p>In this unit we will be learning about what happened after Jesus rose again. The children will learn the story of the ascension of Jesus Christ and the first Christians. We will make fire headbands to re-enact when the apostles were given spiritual gifts.</p>  |

Key information:

Now the days will start getting hotter please ensure children bring in a sun hat and have sun cream applied as and when appropriate.

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.

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