



Curriculum Information - Year 1

Summer 2- June 1st – July 17th 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe we have reached our last half term in Year 1. I have enjoyed every minute teaching your children and I know that this half term will be a great one! Welcome to a busy summer half term! The start of this half term will focus on phonics. Children will be practising their phonics (reading real and nonsense words) ready for the phonics check which I will do with them in the week beginning 8th June. We will then get excited for our school trip!

English	This half term we will focus on the book 'The big book of bugs'. The children will write their own explanation page which would fit into this book. This will include the life cycle of the chosen bug. We will finish the half term with a poetry week where we learn a poem off by heart. We will continue to have a daily phonics session. We are also having handwriting lessons every week where we will continue to focus on the position and size of each letter (particularly the size of capital letters compared to lower case letters).
Maths	This half term in maths children will start with sharing into equal groups. We will then move on to telling the time to 'o' clock and half past before working on fractions (finding half and quarter of an amount before looking at half and quarter of different shapes).
Science	In science we are looking at investigating through stories. The children will explore various questions such as do taller trees have wider trunks, they will compare woodland animals, measure footprints and make animal homes. This learning will bring together the scientific learning from Year 1.
Geography	In geography we are looking at what it is like to live in Shanghai! We will start by looking at our local area and will identify the physical and human features. We will then locate China on a map. We will look at physical and human features. We will then look at what Shanghai is like before comparing it to where we live.
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 striking games. This will involve throwing and catching as well as learning to track a ball. They will learn to play in teams as strikers and fielders. They will be encouraged to demonstrate good sportsmanship and show respect towards others.
RE	In R.E. we will learn that the Church teaches that the church is a community of all those who belong to Christ. We will learn that the cross is a symbol of Christianity and that the shortest summary of the Catholic faith is the sign of the cross. We will recognise simple ways Christians today follow Jesus' message of love and service. We will teach children to recognise features of Jewish life and use key vocabulary. We will also encourage children to ask respectful questions about Jewish life today.

Art Computing	<p>In Art we will be making 3D towers following the work of Samantha Stephenson. The children will complete this work by making their own tree of life.</p> <p>Computing - We will continue with coding. The children will use event, object and action code blocks. They will create a simple program using code blocks. They will use code to make the program they have designed work.</p> <p>We will complete our computing work looking at tech outside of school. Children will be taught to understand what technology is used in school, to consider the purposes of technology used in the wider world and to understand the safe use of technology devices.</p>
Home Learning	<p>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.</p>

Please ensure your child brings to school a jumper or cardigan. Please also ensure your child brings to school a **named water bottle each day and if it's a hot day please send in a hat and apply sunscreen before school.**

SCHOOL TRIP -

Our seaside trip will take place on Thursday 25th June.

CLASS LITURGY

Our class liturgy with Father James will take place on Thursday 18th June. All are welcome to join us at 2.30 p.m.

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