



Curriculum Information - Year 3

Autumn Term 1 – 2nd September 2026 – 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be covering a range of exciting and engaging subject areas this half term as outlined below.

Areas of Learning	
English	We begin the term by reading our whole school book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. We will then move on to our first text in year 3 'Mini Rabbit Not Lost' by John Brand. The outcome of the unit will be to write a narrative focusing on story openings and endings, however, along the way we will focus on sentence structure, using the correct tense, conjunctions such as 'and', 'or' and 'but' and how to use punctuation in the correct way within their writing. The final text of the Autumn 1 term will be a poetry text – 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. The children will explore what poetry is, look at different types of poems and their features and then finish the unit by writing their own version of a free verse poem which they will then perform to the class. Our whole class guided reading text this term is 'Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure'. It is the first in a series of books about a penguin who is struggling to find his way as a new detective. We will read this in class and complete several activities based on the book. Please ask the children questions about it and any new vocabulary they have learnt!
Maths	Our maths learning this half term will focus on: Place value and regrouping, counting on and back in tens, ones, and hundreds, estimation, magnitude and rounding, addition, subtraction, fact families and applying the inverse.
Science	Our topic this half term is <u>Animals including humans</u>.

	Through various investigations and questioning, we will look at movement and nutrition. The children will: • Study the human skeleton and identify key bones and compare them to other animals explaining the role within the body. • Explore how changes in muscles result in movement and the implications these discoveries have in the scientific development of prosthetic limbs. • Study how energy is used by the body, what constitutes a balanced diet in humans and how research contributes to nutritionist expertise.
PE	In PE this half term, the children will be doing Netball. PE will take place on a Monday afternoon. LOTG will be on a Monday morning. Please ensure children come to school wearing their kits on a Monday.
RE	Our topic this half term is Branch 1- Creation and Covenant • In this branch, pupils will explore the first account of Creation in Genesis that reveals Christian beliefs about God as Creator. They will reflect on the idea that God brings order and goodness out of nothing through his Word and Spirit introducing them to the Christian understanding of the Trinity. • Pupils will learn that all of Creation is a gift from God, declared 'good' and blessed, including humanity, made in the image and likeness of God ('imago Dei'). • Through scripture, psalms and Church teaching, pupils will deepen their understanding of God's goodness and the call to care for the world and each other.
BTK	• Our Building the Kingdom focus this half term is 'Care of Creation'.
Humanities Art Computing Music	History- Ancient Egyptians Art – Ancient Egyptian Scrolls Computing – Online Safety Music – Ballads
Home Learning	Daily Reading – 10-15 minutes (Please update reading record). Times Tables Rock Stars – 15 minutes 3x per week RE: - Wednesday word which is available on the school website.

	- Activity to complete at home Google Classroom- There will be homework issued on Thursdays, due in for the following Thursday.
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Our PE and Outdoor Learning day will be on a Monday.

Weather

While the weather is still warm, please ensure all children come to school with a hat and water bottle everyday (**both labelled**). Suncream also needs to be applied before the school day.

Likewise, as the weather begins to get colder, please ensure your child brings to school a **labelled** jumper or cardigan and that they have a suitable coat and welly boots 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 and snack for morning break.

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 admin@hollyfamily.herts.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Pickering