Curriculum Information - Year 3

Autumn Term 2 – 2nd November 2026 – 18th December 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

English	We begin the term by learning all about 'Fables. We will start with reading our key text 'The Lion Inside' by Rachel Bright and Jim Field. We will also read other texts in this series such as 'The squirrels who squabbled' and 'The Koala who Could'. The children will end the unit by writing their own fables. We will then move on to our second text, 'Incredible jobs you've probably never heard of' by Natalie Labarre. The outcome of the unit will be to write their own non-chronological report as well as studying the structure of a non-fiction text and how they are designed and created. In terms ofguided reading this term, we will start by looking at 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. We will also read 'The Abominables' by Eva Ibbotson as our class text. We will then move on to a range of non-fiction and poetry texts.
Maths	Our maths learning this half term will focus on: written addition and subtraction and word problems. We will then move on to data and understanding bar charts. We will then look at shape, focusing on angles, lines and 2D shapes before finishing the term with perimeter and word problems.
Science	Our topic this half term is **Forces and magnets.** Through various investigations and questioning, the children will: • Investigate the movement of vehicles on different surfaces, children learn about the impact of friction and compare uses and drawbacks. • Broaden their experience in writing scientific methods and recording data as they investigate contact and non-contact forces.

	• Explore the properties of different magnets and use this to understand their uses.
PE	In PE this half term, our topic will be gymnastics. PE will take place on a **Monday.**
RE	Our topic this half term is Prophecy and Promise. In terms of 'Building the Kingdom', our theme will be 'Preferential option for the poor'.
Humanities **Arts** **Computing**	Geography- Volcanoes DT- Castle construction Computing – Spreadsheets Music – Creating compositions (Volcano theme) RSHE- Session 1: Get up, Session 2: The Sacraments, Session 3: We don't have to be the same and Session 4: Respecting our bodies. French- Animals
Home Learning	Daily Reading – 10-15 minutes (Please update BoomReader when you have read at home). Times Tables Rock Stars – 15 minutes 3x per week RE- Wednesday word which is available on the school website. Google Classroom- There will be homework issued on Thursdays, due in for the following Thursday. This will be a Maths and Spelling Shed activity.

Our PE and Outdoor Learning Day will be on a Monday

Weather

As the weather is getting colder, can I remind all parents how important it is to please ensure the children come to school with appropriate clothing for the changing weather.

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 (fruit only) 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@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Pickering