



Curriculum Information - Year 5

Autumn Term 1 – 4th September – 20th October

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term our topic is: Journeys. The children will be learning about this through Art, Geography and Music. Everything else will be taught discretely. The first two weeks of the term learning will be based around the book *Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin. This is a whole school project.

English	This half term in English the children will be studying 'The Wolves in the Walls' written by Neil Gaiman. The children will use knowledge gained from reading to make predictions about the text. Empathise with characters in a text by considering different viewpoints as well as justifying their opinions about a text through careful sentence construction. All of this will lead up to the children planning, editing and redrafting a short story. Our class novel for this half term will be 'Explorers' by Katherine Rundell.
Maths	Our maths learning this half term will focus on: Place Value and Rounding of Large Numbers Interpret Negative Numbers, Place Value of Numbers with up to Three Decimal Places, Multiply and Divide by 10, 100 and 1,000, Properties of Number – Multiples, Factors and Common Factors, Prime and Composite Numbers, Multiply and Divide Mentally Solve Problems Involving Knowledge of Key Facts.
Science & Forest school	<p>Our science topic this half term is Living things and Habitats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird • Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. <p>Pupils might work scientifically by: observing and comparing the life cycles of plants and animals in their local environment with other plants and animals around the world (in the rainforest, in the oceans, in desert areas and in prehistoric times), asking pertinent questions and suggesting reasons for similarities and differences. They might try to grow new plants from different parts of the parent plant, for example, seeds, stem and root cuttings, tubers, bulbs. They will observe changes in an animal over a period of time, comparing how different animals reproduce and grow.</p>
PE	This term our P.E will be Swimming (Monday) Children will attend swimming sessions at Hartham Pool every Monday afternoon in the Autumn term.
RE	<p>Topic 1 - Ourselves This Topic: learning outcomes Know and understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A deepening awareness of 'Who I am' – Explore • Ourselves as made in the image and likeness of God – Reveal • Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above – Respond <p>Topic 2 - Life choices This Topic: learning outcomes Know and understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showing care and commitment – Explore • The call to life and love within the community; marriage – Reveal • Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above – Respond <p style="text-align: center;">Daily Collective Worship</p>

Humanities Arts Computing	Geography – Journeys – Trade Art – linked to geography rainforest and landscape art Computing – Online Safety on Purple Mash Music – Mrs Kee will continue to teach music linked to the topic
Homework	Daily Reading – 20 minutes (Child to record on Boom Readers) Weekly spelling activity set on Google Classroom and Purple Mash Google Classroom – activity set by class teacher Times Tables Rock Stars – 20 minutes 3x per week Share the weekly Wednesday word Gospel reading with your child. Complete the age-appropriate activities. Use the discussion questions to talk about the Gospel reading. Homework will be set on google classroom every Friday.

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 Year5@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Clifford