



Curriculum Information - Year 1

Summer 1- April 16th – 24th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term our topic will focus on plants. English will be linked to key books with daily phonics and guided reading sessions. The children will also be practising their phonics (reading real and nonsense words) ready for the phonics check which I will do with them in June. Maths and R.E. will continue to be taught discretely.

English	This half term we will focus on the texts Ruby's worry and Ravi's roar. Children will write a message, a zig zag book, a story map and ultimately a story in the form of a personal recount. The focus will be on the children writing a longer series of complete sentences which they can read. I will also expect to be able to read it as we will break down each word to ensure phonic knowledge (particularly digraphs are used in writing). We will continue to have a daily phonics session. We are also having 3 handwriting lessons every week where children are learning the correct formation of letters in formal handwriting books.
Maths	This half term in maths children will focus on money. We will recognise the coins and understand their value and then learn the ways to make up to 20p using different coins. We will then move on to multiplication. This will include dividing equally and remainders and repeated addition.
Science	Children will learn to name the basic parts of a plant, including seeds. They will have the opportunity to plant their own seeds and to make observations of how they grow over time. Children will also learn to identify, name and describe a variety of garden and wild plants as well as evergreen and deciduous trees. In their final lesson, the children will use all of their knowledge gained throughout the topic to identify, compare and classify plants.
Geography	We are looking at journeys and making maps. The children will start by making a map from home to school. We will then explore our school environment, making maps to different places, including the outdoor learning area.
PE	We will have a PE session every Thursday and children should come to school dressed in their PE kit every Thursday. This half term we will focus on athletics. This will include throwing towards a target, running at different speeds and jumping as far as we can.
RE	In R.E. our topic is holidays and holy days. We will learn about Jesus going to heaven and the thoughts of the disciples. We will think about Jesus sending us a special helper - the Holy Spirit. We will retell the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and celebrate the birth of the church.

D.T. Computing	D.T. We will investigate and then design, make and evaluate a salad using fruits and vegetables. Computing - We will explore coding. This will involve understanding instructions. the children will then explore making a simple computer program
Home Learning	Homework will be set every Friday on Google Classroom: Reading (1 library book and 1 reading book per week). There will be a phonics activity and a maths activity every week.

Please ensure your child brings to school a jumper or cardigan and shoes 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.**

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

Thank you for your support

Mrs Roycroft

Year 1 Teacher