Curriculum Information – Year 4

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

English	The children will start the term undertaking a unit on explanation texts. This will enable the children to understand the features of a non-fiction text and write in a different style. We will look at a range of texts and extracts to give the children ideas and develop their vocabulary and grammar. After that, we will move on to narrative writing based on a text called Starbird. This topic is aimed at addressing key skills linked to grammar and sentence construction, ensuring that essential prior learning is embedded. Children will plan and write a short narrative.
Maths	Our maths learning this half term will focus on: ● Factor Pairs, Integer Scaling and Correspondence Problems ● Problem Solving Children will learn to apply place value, mental strategies and arithmetic laws ● Multiply and Divide a One or Two-digit Number by 10 and 100 ● Measure – Conversion of Units
Science	Our main Science topic this term is electricity. Children will Identify the difference between mains and battery powered electrical items. They will learn the name of electrical components and build simple circuits. They will learn how to record these using symbols. They will then move on to investigate: ● The use of switches in a circuit ● Electrical insulators and conductors ● How to vary the brightness of a bulb They will also learn about electrical safety.
PE	P.E day: **Friday**(please ensure your child's full P.E kit is in school ready) Gymnastics: children will develop individual and partner balance, control In performing and landing rotation jumps; they develop the straight, barrel, forward and straddle roll and they will create a sequence including apparatus.

RE	**Branch 2 - Prophesy and Promise** Children will learn about the prophet Elijah, including his miracles and encounters with God. Children will compare the story of John the Baptist in the Gospels of Mark and Matthew and reflect on how John's message speaks to people today. We will make links with the ancestry of Jesus and the Jesse tree.
RSE	**Session 1:** Get up **Session 2:** The Sacraments **Session 1:** We don't have to be the same. **Session 2:** Respecting our bodies **Session 3**: What is Puberty? **Session 4:** Changing Bodies
Humanities Arts Computing	**History**- Children will learn about the Romans. **DT** – children will be designing, making and evaluating a torch. **Computing** – animation. **Music** – will be linked to the Romans.
Home Learning	Children will be expected to complete the following: ● Daily Reading – 10-15 minutes (Parents to log on Boom Reader) ● Homework- set once a week on a **Thursday** and due in following **Thursday.** ● Times Tables Rock Stars – 15 minutes 3x per week Share the weekly Wednesday word Gospel reading with your child. Complete the age appropriate activities.

A few reminders:

- Please bring a named water bottle every day
- Please ensure your child is equipped for all weathers as the Autumn term can prove to be quite unpredictable at times! Please ensure all items of clothing brought into school are named. There will be more lessons carried out outdoors so please bring a rain jacket/coat just in case the weather turns in the 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 year4@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk or admin@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Clifford and Year 4 team