



Curriculum Information - Year 1

Spring 2- 26th February – 28th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, thank you for your support last half term. It has been great to see the children tackling the homework each week. Please do ask if you are unsure about anything as I am here to help. Homework will continue to be provided every Friday, on paper, and will include the practise of one digraph each week. Remember that the alien words are an important part of this work. This half term our topic is 'from Earth to space'. English will be linked to key books with daily phonics and guided reading sessions. Maths and R.E. will continue to be taught discretely.

English	This half term we will focus on the texts Mr Postmouse and the last noo noo. Children will be writing a letter and their own short story. The focus will be on the children writing a longer series of complete sentences with correct punctuation. We will continue to have a daily phonics session. Early morning work will focus on the formation of letters and numbers and the children will read.
Maths	This half term in maths we will start by finding various ways to make a given number and look at equivalence - for example knowing that 6 and 6 is 12 but also that 6 and 3 and 3 is also 12. We will also be working on part/whole models and identifying a missing part, for example $13 = 8 + ?$ We will also count in 2s, 5s and 10s before looking at coins and comparing values using 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p and 20p.
Science and History	Our topic in science is seasons. The children will observe change and will describe weather associated with the four seasons and how the day length varies. In history we are looking at the greatest explorers. We will be looking at why each of the explorers is significant, starting with Ibn Batuta and concluding with Sunita Williams.
PE	We will have a PE session every Thursday and children should come to school dressed in their PE kit. This half term we will focus on fitness. This will involve looking at how our bodies change during exercise, seeing how we feel after exercise and taking part in various challenges.
RE	In R.E. we will learn about special meals including the Last Supper. During Lent our focus is on giving. We will look at the ways in which we can change and live like Jesus. We will consider that people can change and become more loving, kinder and more helpful.
Art Computing	D.T. - we are making moving mechanisms. The children will make a sliding mechanism, a lever and pivot mechanism and a wheel mechanism. These will be used to make a picture in a book move across the page. Computing - We will explore coding, we are looking for children to read code one line at a time and make good attempts to envision the bigger picture of the overall effect of the program. Children can, for example, interpret where the turtle in 2Go challenges will end up at the end of the program.

Home Learning	Homework will be set every Friday on Google Classroom: Reading (1 library book and 1 reading book per week). Phonics activities and a maths activity every week.
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Please ensure your child brings to school a jumper or cardigan and that they have a suitable coat 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@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Roycroft

Year 1 Teacher