



Curriculum Information – Year 4

Autumn Term 2– 30th October 2023 – 20th December 2023

Christmas Holiday 21st December 2023- 8th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

English	<p>The children will start the term undertaking a 2 week 'local history' focus writing an information text all about Welwyn Garden City. This will enable the children to understand the features of a non-fiction text and write in a different style. After that, we will move on to our key text which will be 'Arthur And The Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton.' This unit is linked to our history topic, which is the Anglo-Saxons. 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. After this we look at poetry until the end of term which is focused around dragons. Our key text is called 'Small Dragon' and by the end of the unit, children will write their own poetry.</p> <p>Our class novel is Anglo-Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman- which we are also using in our guided reading sessions.</p> <p>Spelling sessions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Review the suffixes -ly and -ally2. Review -tion and -ation endings3. Explore -sion and -ssion endings4. Explore -cian endings5. Focus on vowel digraphs: words from the Y3/4 statutory word list6. Review of prefixes: dis-, mis-, in-, im-, il-, ir-, anti-
Maths	<p>Our maths learning this half term will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Factor Pairs, Integer Scaling and Correspondence Problems• Problem Solving Including Measures 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	<p>Our main Science topic this term is sound. Children will Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise that vibrations from a sound travel through a medium to the ear. • Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it • Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it. • Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.
PE	<p>P.E day: Thursday (please ensure your child's full P.E kit is in school ready)</p> <p>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.</p>
RE	<p>Topic 3 Gift -God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus Prior learning: Advent: waiting for the coming of Jesus This Topic: learning outcomes Know and understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The gift of love and friendship – Explore • Advent and Christmas: The Church's seasons of preparing to receive God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus – Reveal <p>Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above – Respond</p> <p>Judaism (1 week) -Torah</p>
RSE	<p>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 Session 5: Boy/Girl Discussion Groups</p>
Humanities Arts Computing	<p>History- Children will learn all about the Anglo-Saxons. Art – children will be creating an Anglo-Saxon shield and embellishing with a sewn element. Computing – basics of coding Music – Mrs Kee will continue to teach music linked to the Anglo-Saxons.</p>
Home Learning	<p>Children will be expected to complete the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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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.
- Please listen to your child read as much as possible in the week as well as reading out loud to your child. More information regarding reading books will follow.

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 Pickering, Mrs Jewell and Miss Oudnie.