



Curriculum Information - Year 2

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term our topic will focus on the gunpowder plot and the Great Fire of London. English will be linked to key books with spelling and guided reading sessions inbetween. Maths and R.E. will continue to be taught discretely.

English	This half term by focusing on the texts Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watt and How To Make Friends with a Ghost by Rebecca Green. Children will be writing lists and instructions. We will also be developing skills needed to write poetry.
Maths	This half term in maths children will focus on number skills. This will include developing their mental calculation skills, adding and subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers and finding complements to 10 and 100. Children will also be learning how to make totals of money using different combination of coins and finding change.
Science	Our science topic is Everyday Materials. Children will learn to identify and name different materials and explain why they are suitable for their use. We will carry out simple tests such as finding the best material to mend a hole in a bucket.
PE/LOTC	PE and Learning outside the classroom lessons will continue to happen on a Monday. In our PE lessons the children will be taking part in Dance lessons and learning all the skills required to make their own dance.
RE	In R.E. we will learn about the rite of baptism and the signs and symbols in baptism. Children will recognition that members of the Church family act in a particular way because they are following the light of Christ. We will also be spending a week looking at the Hindu faith with a focus on prayer. We will learn that advent is four weeks of preparing and about the symbolism of the Advent Wreath. Children will focus on the nativity story and learn about the annunciation. We will learn that Jesus comes to us as God's gift
Humanities Arts Computing	History - Our history topic is about Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot and the Great Fire of London. Children will learn why the fire spread so quickly and a timeline of the key events. DT- In DT lessons the children will be working with Mrs Balicki to make their own fire engines using different moving parts. Music - In music Mrs Kee will be preparing Year 2 for their nativity play.
Home Learning	Homework will be set every Friday on Google Classroom: Reading (1 library books and 1 reading book per week) Spelling activity each week and a weekly activity linked to maths or topic work. Times Tables Rock Star

Cold Weather

As the weather begins to get colder, 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 year2@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Parmley

Year 2 Teacher