



Curriculum Information - Year 2

Autumn Term 1 – Monday 4th September 2023 – 21st October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to see the children all back at school again this term and settling into Year 2! We will be covering a range of subject areas this half term as outlined below and our topic is The Seasons. Maths and RE will continue to be taught discretely.

English	For the first two weeks of term we will be exploring the book <i>Coming to England</i> by Floella Benjamin. The next texts that Year 2 will be studying are <i>Frog and How to make friend with a ghost</i> by Rebecca Green. Children will be developing their knowledge of clauses and sentences. They will learn to retell familiar stories and to write a set of instructions. During our spelling sessions children will revise the phase 5 phonemes and apply them to their reading and writing and begin to move onto phase 6.
Maths	Children will develop their understanding place value. They will be reading and writing numbers to 100. Recognise the place value of each digit in a two digit number (tens, ones) Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations including the number line. Compare and order numbers from zero up to 100; use <, > and = signs. They will be adding and subtracting within 20 and reinforcing their knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 100.
Science	Our Science topic this half term is living things and their habitats, Children will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. We will describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.
PE	Pupils will take part in a range of fitness activities to develop components of fitness. Pupils will begin to explore and develop agility, balance, co-ordination, speed and stamina. Pupils will develop the fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping.
RE	Our first R.E. topic is about new beginnings. Children will learn about the creation story and that God is present in every beginning. Children will respond creatively to Psalms through art and dance. We will also begin our topic on signs and symbols in Baptism.
Humanities Arts Computing	Geography- The Seasons Art – Focus on Autumn through sketching and painting. Computing – Coding. Music – Mrs Kee will continue to teach music linked to the topic every Wednesday. PSHE – children will cover a range of topics linked to returning to school. Topics include: belonging and feeling safe at school, reconnecting with friends, being positive towards learning and managing worries and fears.
Home Learning	Children will be expected to complete the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reading – 10-15 minutes (please log this on go read) • Weekly spelling activity to be set on google classroom each Friday.

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Please make sure that your child has a water bottle each day clearly labelled with their name.
P.E. Will be on Mondays. Please can children come dressed in their P.E. kit on a Monday for P.E. and outdoor learning. P.E. kits should not be kept at school.

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

Thank you for your continued support

The Year 2 Team

Miss Clifford (Year 2 Teacher)

Mrs Jobson and Mrs Blythe