



Curriculum Information - Year 3

Spring Term 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have a very exciting half term coming up! The children will be focusing on writing a personal narrative in English, based on the key text 'The Proudest Blue'. In Maths they will continue to build on their knowledge and skills with multiplication and division and then move on to fractions. We will also explore Antarctica in Geography, Chinese New Year in music, and pre-historic art in Art lessons. RE will continue to be taught discretely.

English	<p>For the first half of the term, we will be completing a unit of work linked to two books 'The Proudest Blue' and 'Jabari Jumps'. The children will use these stories to write a personal narrative based on something they have experienced in their own lives. We will focus on key writing skills such as dialogue, similes, and the power of three.</p> <p>Once this has been completed the children will build on their poetry skills from Autumn 1. We will focus on Calligrams and look at the key text 'Love that Dog' by Sharon Creech.</p>
Maths	<p>Our maths learning this half term will continue to focus on: Multiplication and division including the 3-, 5-, 4- and 8-times tables with a focus on statistics including bar charts and word problems. We will then move our learning on to Fractions; ordering and comparing fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, and problem solving with fractions.</p>
Science	<p>Our topic this half term is Light and Shadows.</p> <p>The children will learn :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to identify examples of light sources, and that light is needed to see and how its absence causes darkness.• to investigate reflection and shadow formation, including how different factors affect shadows.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They explore how shadows can be used to entertain in the arts and create shadow puppets to recount how different people work or experiment with light.
PE	<p>In PE this half term the children will be developing their Tennis skills and developing their coordination and teamwork skills in PE lessons with Miss Fox.</p> <p>PE will take place on a Tuesday afternoon.</p>
RE	<p>Our topic this half term is Lent – Giving all. The children will:</p> <p>Know and understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liturgical season of Lent. • Lenten promises, giving through prayer, giving up and good deeds. • The Beatitudes. • Jesus in the desert. • The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. • The Agony in the Garden. • Jesus’ sacrifice on Good Friday. • The Resurrection.
Humanities Arts Computing	<p>Geography – Who lives in Antarctica?</p> <p>Art – Prehistoric Art</p> <p>Computing – Touch-typing</p> <p>Music – Pentatonic melodies and composition (Theme: Chinese New Year)</p> <p>RSE – e.g. All about Me</p>
Home Learning	<p>Daily Reading – 10-15 minutes (Parents to update Go Read Online record)</p> <p>Times Tables Rock Stars – 15 minutes 3x per week</p> <p>RE- Wednesday word which is available on the school website.</p> <p>Google Classroom- There will be homework issued on Thursday, due in for the following Thursday. This will be a Maths and Spelling 2do task on PurpleMash.</p>

Weather

As we are now experiencing cold weather, please ensure your child brings to school a labelled jumper or cardigan and that they have a suitable coat and welly boots 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 and snack for morning break.

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

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Fox