



Curriculum Information - Year 1

Spring 2- 24th February – 4th April 2025

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 or by email, and will include the practice of words for the phonics screening check each week. Remember that the alien words are an important part of this work!

English	This half term we will focus on the texts Oi Frog, Madlenka and Martha maps it out. Children will be writing a poem and a personal narrative. The focus will be on the children writing a longer series of complete sentences with correct punctuation and added use of and, but and because. We will continue to have a daily phonics session.
Maths	This half term in maths we will start with subtraction before looking at various ways to make a given number (looking 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 more 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	<p>Our topic in science is animals. The children will name and describe the physical features of a range of animals before sorting them into groups based on their similarities and differences. We will then Identify characteristics specific to mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. Finally, we will recall the diets of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.</p> <p>In history we are finding out about how toys have changed. In week 2 it would be great if a parent could be free to come in and talk about their favourite toy from when they were 6 years old to the children. Ideally this would be on a Thursday (but we can be flexible if needed). Please let me know if something you could do? Thank you.</p>
PE	We will have a PE session every Monday and the 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 Desert to Garden. We will focus on Lent as a preparation for Easter. We will learn about the last week of Jesus' life, his death and the resurrection, concluding with the women encountering the angel at the empty tomb.
Art Computing	Art - We will focus on painting and making colours. The children will mix secondary colours and will paint a plate inspired by Clarice Cliff.

	Computing - We will explore 2go on purple mash. We will firstly explore and use the direction keys to complete challenges set by the teacher before creating our own challenges.
Home Learning	Homework will be set every Friday: Reading (1 library book and 1 reading book per week). Phonics activities and a maths activity every week.

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