

Curriculum Information - Nursery

Summer 2- Monday 2nd June - Friday 18th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't believe we are in the final half term of the school year. This year has flown by and we are so proud of how the nursery children have grown in this time. Soon we will be saying good-bye to our N2 children who will soon be moving up into reception. Before that though, we have a busy half term with lots planned. We will be starting with our topic of 'Commotion in the Ocean' where we will be learning about the Ocean, sea creatures and caring for the environment. Our next core text will be Pirates Love Underpants finish the term focusing on preparing the children for transition and change.

Communication and Language	The children will be listening carefully, joining in and responding to more complex stories and rhymes. They will be encouraged to explain, describe and retell past experiences such as their favourite parts of Nursery for our end of year book. In choosing time children will be supported to start conversations with peers, listening and taking turns to talk whilst staying on topic throughout. There will be a range of new vocabulary introduced from the texts we will focus on this half term around summer, the seaside and oceans.
Physical Development	The children will take part in some mindfulness and movement sessions based around sea creatures. We will be setting up a walk the plank and other pirate games that will help their coordination, spatial awareness and agility. In our daily busy fingers we will continue to practise name writing, cutting out shapes and pictures and using equipment to encourage a strong pincer grasp. In PE our unit this term in games.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	The children will take part in daily circle times where we will use TenTen Resources to learn about how to stay safe around potential hazards in the home such as cleaning products and plug sockets, safety online and outside the home with stranger danger. We will also spend time reflecting on the year and looking ahead to the upcoming transition to reception for many of our children. We will read some stories about change, name some different feelings and spend time visiting their new class and teacher.
Literacy	We will be continuing to learn a new sound each week (ck sh th ng nk x) and playing games daily to practise blending, alliteration and rhyming. Our core texts this term are all based on the ocean, seaside and pirates then finally finishing with our transition topic. We will be listening to and joining in with these stories, making pirate maps, drawing and writing about the ocean and creating our own transition passport.
Mathematics	In maths the children will be making their own counting books using their learning on number from across this year. They will also revisit subitizing, counting, positional language and patterns. This will be done through daily teaching, games, activities and songs.
Understanding of the world	This term the children will learn about the importance of taking care of our environment and the effect dropping rubbish has on sea creatures. We will also learn about holiday destinations, the climate and what they would need to wear and take with them. We will look at pictures and compare similarities and differences. If your child has been on a holiday, it would help to show them some pictures and take about what it was like there (weather/ scenery).
Expressive Arts and Design	The children will create salt dough sea creatures and patterned fish using their recent learning of repeated patterns. We will immerse ourselves in all things pirates with designing and creating hats, telescopes and even our own pirate ships. Finishing the term with creating a piece of artwork for our next class. We will also be making Father's Day cards and contributing to a special 60th anniversary art display for our school this month.

RE	Friends of Jesus- we will be learning about some of the key Saints that we celebrate through the Catholic calendar such as the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on 29th June.
	We have also invited a few visitors from the local community with different religious and cultural views to come in and hear them share their differing beliefs and practices then to learn what it means to be a good neighbour.

Key information:

Please ensure children arrive promptly at 8.40. Morning only children will be dismissed at the playground gate at 12pm and children staying all day will be dismissed at 3.15 at the rainbow gate. Parents must wait on the left hand side of the gate. Please notify the office before the end of the school day if somebody different will be picking your child up.

P.E. and outdoor learning will be on **Wednesdays** so please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kits.

Our library visit will be on a **Thursday** where the children can change their library books if they have returned their previous book.

In this warm weather please ensure children come to school daily with a named hat and water bottle and thin waterproof if rain in predicted. Please remember it should be water only in water bottles, no juice. They must also have a **named** change of clothes to keep on their peg.

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.

<u>Continue to check the school newsletter, website and Facebook page for important dates and information.</u>

Should you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss please email nursery@holyfamily.hert.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your support

Miss Tinsley and Mrs Lovell

Nursery Teachers