



Curriculum Information - Year 1

Autumn 2 3rd November – 19th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a busy half term! A lot of work will go into producing a wonderful Nativity this half term. Your child will have many songs to learn for this, so please help at home to ensure that your child is confident! P.E. and outdoor learning will remain on Monday. Homework is currently provided by email or can be printed for you. For this half term this will be phonics, maths and reading, plus Nativity lines to learn (if your child has lines in the play).

English	This half term we will focus largely on phonics and getting the children to write a series of complete sentences with capital letters, full stops and finger spaces between words. We will focus on the texts Gruffalo crumble and other recipes and then the three billy goats gruff. The children will write their own recipes and their own version of the 3 billy goats gruff.
Maths	This half term in maths children will firstly focus on number and then problem solving. We will write the numbers to twenty in numerals and recognise the words (e.g. nineteen). We will look at odd and even numbers. We will look at counting on in addition, subtracting a part from the whole and doubling and halving.
Science	Our science topic is materials. The children will sort objects, then describe the properties of materials. They will then group materials based on their absorbency. Another test will be on which materials are waterproof before a final test on which materials are the toughest. There will be lots of practical testing this half term and the children will be asked to think about whether the tests are fair.
PE	We will have a PE session every Monday and children should come to school dressed in their PE kit every Monday. This half term we will focus on gymnastics and will learn to sequence movements and repeat them to show others.
RE	In R.E. we will focus on Advent and Christmas. Children will know that the Church teaches: Because God loves us, he gave us his only Son, Jesus. · God called Mary to be the mother of his Son, Jesus. · Mary said 'Yes' to God's call. · Angels bring God's message and are a sign that Jesus is the Son of God. · The stories about Jesus are in a special book called the Bible.
Humanities Arts Computing	History - Our history topic is how am I making history? The children will sequence events in their own life. They will discuss how some things change and some things stay the same. we will need two photographs of each child (as a baby, and then one more recent one such as on their first day of school, or any other life events such as getting a new pet) – please email or send these in I will also need a volunteer to come in and talk about their childhood please.

	DT - We will be designing and making puppets. We will learn how to join two pieces of fabric using pins, staples or glue. We will then design a puppet character (from the three billy goats gruff.). The children will then make, join and decorate their puppets. Computing - We will group and sort objects in different ways without a computer and then using the computer and we will then collect data and create and use pictograms made on the computer.
Home Learning	Homework: Reading (1 library book and 1 reading book per week) Phonics activity. Learning lines for the Nativity. Maths.

Weather

As the weather may be cold this half term, please ensure your child brings to school a jumper or cardigan and that they have a suitable coat and shoes to wear. They may also need gloves and a hat. 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