



Curriculum Information - Year 3

Spring 1 Term – 5th January 2026 – 13th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be covering a range of exciting and engaging subject areas this half term as outlined below.

English	<p>We begin the term by reading the popular children's tale <i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i>. The children will become familiar with Wonderland, and all its fantastic characters such as the White Rabbit and the Queen of Hearts. They will begin to learn how to include speech effectively within their stories for effect, use prepositions to provide detail in a story, and use descriptive language to describe a setting. The final written outcome will be to develop a new fantastical setting to visit and meet.</p> <p>Our next text will be non-fiction, and is called '<i>Stella and the Seagull</i>'. It is a powerful book about a little girl who wants to make a big change to the area she lives in, and so decides to write a persuasive letter encouraging people to not use single use plastics. The children will decide on an issue about school they are passionate about and write a persuasive speech that they will then deliver.</p> <p>Our whole class guided reading text this term is 'The Stolen Spear' by Saviour Pirotta. It links very well with our History unit this term. We will read this in class and complete several activities based on the book.</p> <p>Please ask the children questions about it and any new vocabulary they have learnt!</p>
Maths	<p>Our maths learning this half term will focus on: Lines, shape, perimeter, Multiplication and division focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables (although we do revisit the 2, 5 and 10).</p>
Science	<p>Our topic this half term is <u>Rocks and Soil</u>.</p> <p>Through various investigations and questioning the children will:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By studying rocks and their properties, children learn how to classify rocks and identify how they were formed. • They look at the work of palaeontologists to learn about fossil formation and use models to explore how fossils tell us about the past. • Pupils investigate the physical properties of rocks and link these to their particular uses. • Pupils also explore soil formation, separate soil using a sedimentation jar and test soil drainage.
PE	In PE this half term the children will be developing their football skills in PE. PE will take place on a Wednesday.
RE	Our topic this half term is Galilee to Jerusalem . In Catholic social teaching/Building the Kingdom, our theme will be 'Solidarity and Peace'.
Humanities Arts Computing	History – Stone Age to Bronze Age Art- Painting and mixed media: Prehistoric painting Computing – Spreadsheets RSE – Emotional wellbeing and Lifecycles Music – Developing singing technique (Theme: Vikings)
Home Learning	Daily Reading – 10-15 minutes (Please update BoomReader when you have read at home). Times Tables Rock Stars – 15 minutes 3x per week RE- Word assembly activity which is available on the school website. Google Classroom- There will be homework issued on Wednesday, due in for the following Thursday. This will be a variation of Maths and Spelling 2do tasks on PurpleMash.

Our PE and Outdoor Learning day will be on a Wednesday.

Weather

Now the weather is colder, 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 and go on the field at lunchtime.

Please also ensure your child brings to school a named water bottle each day and snack (fruit only) 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 Pickering