



Curriculum Information - Year 1

Autumn 1- 2nd September – 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! I am very happy to be working with you and your children this year. I will be at the door every morning if you have any questions for me. P.E. and outdoor learning will be on Thursdays. Homework, reading books and library books will be provided every Friday, homework will be on google classroom or if requested will be sent by email, or printed off for you.

Autumn 1	
English	This half term we will focus on the texts, The journey - where we will write about our own memorable journeys before writing about our hopes for the year ahead. We will then focus on Jasper's beanstalk where we write a set of instructions to show how to plant a seed and how to look after a plant and our main writing will centre on Puffin Peter where we will retell the story and make a new ending.
Maths	This half term in maths children will firstly focus on positional language. We will use ordinal numbers to describe position (first, second..). We will then move onto finding patterns in numbers by using 10s frames and positioning numbers of counters in different ways to show less than, more than and equal to. Following this we will look at the positioning of numbers on a number line and will consider how we know where each number belongs. We will complete the half term looking at addition and subtraction using part whole models.
Science	Our science topic is seasonal change. We will make mobiles which show the seasons, the months and the typical weather for each season. We will look at changes through the year in terms of clothing, trees and daylight hours. We will use thermometers to measure temperature and we will finish the half term by making our own weather reports!
PE	We will have a PE session every Thursday and children should come to school dressed in their PE kit every Thursday. This half term we will focus on skills with a tennis ball and racquet. We will also practise working with a partner.
RE	In R.E. we will focus on Creation. We will learn about these key texts: • The Creation story in Genesis 1:1-4, 24-26 • The opening of the Nicene Creed 'I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible'. • An introduction to Laudato Si' 13.
Humanities Arts Computing	Geography - Our geography topic is what is it like here? We will start by looking at aerial photos of the school before making our own plans of the classroom and school grounds. Children will talk about what they like and dislike about our playground before thinking of their own ideas for how they could improve what we already have in our playground or add to it.

	Art - Our art topic is making our mark. Our inspiration will be the work of Bridget Riley. We will make lines with string and chalk before exploring the lines of Zaria Forman in seascapes. We will then draw shapes before drawing pumpkins from observation. Computing - We will start by teaching the children to log on, how to access purple mash and to use it and to be aware of how to stay safe when using the computer. We will then use paint tools to draw a picture and to make a jigsaw for our friends to complete.
Home Learning	Homework will be set every Friday on google classroom or will be emailed or printed off for you if requested: Reading (1 library book and 1 reading book per week on a Friday) Phonics activity. Maths activity. Reading the Wednesday Word and discussing together.

Weather and outdoor learning

As the weather may be hot, cold or wet 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 to enable them to take part in outdoor play. Please provide a pair of wellingtons which we will store in our class outdoor box. Please make sure your child does not wear jewellery to school and that any earrings are simple studs. Please also ensure your child brings to school a **named water bottle each day and a hat if it is hot.**

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