

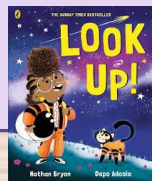


A message from Mr Thomas

Welcome back to Holly 1! We hope you had a wonderful break. This half term, we're excited to dive into festive learning and all things Christmas. Any questions, just ask!

Writing

This half term, we will be reading *The Three Little Pigs* and writing character descriptions, and *Look Up* to write recounts, instructions, and letters. Across all writing, children will practise key skills such as using finger spaces, capital letters, full stops, adjectives, and making their writing make sense. We will focus on sequencing sentences and using exclamation marks.



Reading

Children who enjoy reading regularly thrive in their learning and therefore children are asked to read with an adult for 5- 10 minutes every day to rehearse this skill and develop a love of reading. This could be school books, library books as well as own reading books.

Reading books will be changed once a week to allow children to develop fluency and a good understanding of the vocabulary within the book. They will read this book three times in school before it is sent home.

Maths

This half term, we will be exploring shapes and patterns, including 2D and 3D shapes. Children will deepen their understanding of numbers within 20, practising skills such as finding one more or one less, comparing numbers, and beginning to explore doubling and halving.



RE

We will be learning about how Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. We will explore the story of the Nativity and learn about the significance of the incarnation—how Christians believe God became human in the form of Jesus. Children will also discover the different ways families and churches celebrate this special time.

History

This half term in History, we will be learning about space and what significant events have happened over the last 50 years and beyond. We will look at what the word past means.



Art

We will be focusing on drawing in Art. The children will be learning how to mark make using a variety of different tools such as chalk. We will then learn about positive and negative space and the impact this can have on a drawing.

PE

We have PE lessons every Monday and Wednesdays so please ensure that your child wears their full PE kit on these days. Please also ensure that their PE kit is **fully named**. This half term in PE we will be focusing on dance and invasion games.

Music

In Music, we will be practicing all of the songs that we will be performing at the Christmas Nativity.

Computing

In Computing, we will be looking at technology around us and developing our skills with a mouse and keyboard.

