



Curriculum Information - Year 1

Autumn 2- 30th October – 20th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a busy half term! A lot of work will go into producing a wonderful Nativity this half term. Many children will have lines to learn for this, so please help at home to ensure that your child is confident with their words. P.E. and outdoor learning will remain on Thursday. Homework is currently provided on google classroom. For this half term this will be phonics and reading, plus Nativity lines to learn. After Christmas, I will also provide maths homework. This half term our topic will focus on Toys. English will be linked to key books with daily phonics and reading sessions. Maths and R.E. will be taught discretely.

Toys	
English	This half term we will focus largely on phonics and getting the children to write complete sentences with Capital letters, full stops and finger spaces between words. For the second half of this half term we will focus on the text 'The jolly Christmas postman. The children will write a letter to Santa in their best handwriting.
Maths	This half term in maths children will firstly focus on number, problem solving and shape. We will write the numbers to twenty in numerals and recognise the words (e.g. nineteen). We will also look at odd and even numbers. we will look at counting on in addition, subtracting a part from the whole and doubling and halving. We will then look at 2D and 3D shapes.
Science	Our science topic is materials. We will name, describe and sort a variety of materials and will then look at materials that are best to make a boat and how the shape of the material affects whether it floats or sinks.
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 gymnastics and will learn to sequence movements and repeat them to show others.
RE	In R.E. we will learn about Hinduism and then will focus on Advent and Christmas.
Humanities Arts Computing	History - Our history topic is toys. We will be looking at differences between toys we play with and toys in the past. DT - We will be designing and making a nativity stable with characters. Computing - We will sort objects in different ways using the computer and we will then create and use pictograms made on the computer.
Home Learning	Homework: Reading (1 library books and 1 reading book per week) Phonics activity. Learning lines for the Nativity. Maths Numbot practice.

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