



Curriculum Information - Year 1

Spring 1 January 8th 2024 – February 16th 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Year 1! I will be at the door every morning if you have any questions for me. Homework is currently provided every Friday, on google classroom and will include phonics and a maths activity this term. I am happy to receive it any day and you can send it to me electronically or your child can bring it into school on paper. This half term our topic will focus on Animals. English will be linked to key books with daily phonics and guided reading sessions. Maths and R.E. will continue to be taught discretely.

English	This half term we will focus on the texts Plenty of Love to go around and the non fiction text - Bats . Children will be writing labels, captions and a page of information for a class book about bats. The focus will be on the children writing complete sentences with correct punctuation. We will continue to have a daily phonics session. Early morning work will focus on letter and number formation.
Maths	This half term in maths children will focus on measures. This will include developing their language and ability to compare length, height and weight before focussing on time. In number, the children will add and subtract one and two digit numbers to 20 before solving number problems and missing number problems such as $7 = _ - 9$.
Science	Our science topic is animals. Children will learn that animals can be split into herbivores, omnivores and carnivores and consider what they eat. They will look at amphibians, reptiles, mammals, birds, fish. They will consider whether all animals in those groups are the same.
PE	We will have a PE session every Thursday and children should come to school dressed in their PE kit. This half term we will focus on dance and developing skills to use a count of 8 to stay in time with each other and with the music.
RE	In R.E. we will learn about special people and understand that special people are here to help. We will learn about the people in Church who do special jobs, including the priest. We will learn that Jesus is the special person in the parish family.
Humanities Arts Computing	History - Our geography topic is about animals around the world. We will learn what a continent is and to name the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world. Art - In art children will use paint to mix colours to make their own animal scene for a shark or an elephant. Computing - We will explore the programme 2go, we will follow directions and create a simple algorithm which will create a challenge for other children to face.
Home Learning	Homework will be set every Friday on Google Classroom: Reading (1 library books and 1 reading book per week) Phonics activity. Maths activity every week.

Cold Weather

As the weather may continue to 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 to enable them to take part in outdoor learning. 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. I hope to update the website regularly so please take a look.

Should you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss please email year1@hollyfamily.herts.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Roycroft

Year 1 Teacher