

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Waltham Holy Cross – Spring Term 2026



### Welcome to the second term of the academic year.

1C: Miss Chandler and Mrs Tasnt

1J: Miss Jabelhadj and Mrs Darnell

1H: Miss Hiscoke and Mrs Ragless

This term, the children will continue to develop their reading with daily phonics, explore a variety of texts in English and learn about addition and subtraction, weight and capacity and number in maths lessons.

#### REMINDERS

- PE lessons are as follows:  
1C – Wednesday & Thursday  
1J – Monday & Wednesday  
1H – Tuesday & Wednesday
- Please ensure children have a PE kit in school including shoes.
- Earrings should not be worn in school at any time.
- Children should bring their reading book and reading record to school each day. Please sign reading records each time your child reads at home. The children are rewarded with stickers and certificates for the number of times they read.

Key stage 1 children are given a weekly set of spellings and will receive spellings from their class teacher on Fridays. Tests will also take place on this day.

RWI books need to be brought **back into school on a Monday in order to be changed.**

The children will also have access to an eBook and a quiz online to practice reading at home.

The children should use Mathletics and Numbots to further develop their maths skills.

### Topics we will be studying next half term...

#### PE

The children have two designated PE lessons every week. PE kits are to be left in school and the children will change for PE in their classrooms. This half term they will focus ball skills and yoga.

#### Art

In Art, children will be learning about 'Paper Play'. The children will learn to make sculptures and explore 3D art. They will create a sculpture that includes several different techniques for shaping paper.

#### RWV

In religious education this term, the children will be looking at Hinduism and Christianity and comparing their creation stories.

## Maths

In maths we will practise addition and subtraction within 20. We will develop the children's understanding of place value within 50. The children will learn about capacity and measuring capacity. We will learn about multiplication and division. Numicon and other resources will be used to support and extend the children's understanding in lessons. We will continue to encourage and develop children's verbal reasoning abilities.

## English

All children will have a daily phonics lesson to develop their reading as well as English lessons to develop their writing skills. We will be exploring the stories 'The Disgusting Sandwich' 'Knuffle Bunny'. The children will have the chance to plan, write and edit their own writing. We will continue to practise using correct punctuation (full stops, question marks and capital letters). They will also have daily handwriting lessons where they will continue to focus on letter formation.

## History

Our topic in history is 'First Flight. The children will then learn about the Wright brothers and the 'History of flight'.

## Science

In science, we will continue to learn about seasonal change. Our new topic will be 'Animals including humans'.

## Geography

In geography we will be learning about the United Kingdom. The children will use an atlas to identify the UK and the 4 countries it consists of.

## Computing

In computing, the children will look at programming. Learners will explore using individual commands and identify what each command for the floor robot does. They will then use that knowledge to start predicting the outcome of programs.

## Also...

Please continue to read regularly with your children at home and remind your child to bring in their books and record each day.

### Useful websites to help with homework

- [Primary resources, homework help and online games - BBC Bitesize](#)
- [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds](#)

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated!

**Year 1 Team**

