

Curriculum Newsletter

Waltham Holy Cross – Autumn 2026



Welcome to Year 1 - We are delighted to welcome the children back to school and we can't wait to learn together.

Meet the team:

1C: Miss Curtis and Mrs Darnell

1J: Ms Jabelhadj and Mrs Wilson

1B: Miss Burbridge and Mrs Tant

REMINDERS

- PE lessons are as follows:
1C – Wednesday & Friday
1J – Tuesday & Wednesday
1B – Wednesday & Thursday
- Please ensure children have a PE kit in school including shoes.
- Children are not allowed to wear earrings in school.
- Children should bring their reading book and reading record to school each day. Please sign reading records each time your child reads at home.

Spelling test will take place on a Friday.

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 complete their maths homework and 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 can now be left in school and the children will change for PE in their classrooms. This half term they will focus on fundamentals and sending and receiving.

Art

In art, children will be learning about mark making and experimenting using a variety of media.

RWV

In religious education this term, the children will be exploring how religious celebrations bring a community together.

Maths

In maths we will practise addition and subtraction within 10. We will develop the children's understanding of place value within 20. The children will learn about capacity and measuring capacity. We will learn about multiplication and division. We will begin to learn about properties of shape and position and direction. 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 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy and 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' by Judith Kerr. The children will have the chance to plan, write and edit their own writing with a focus on letter formation and segmenting. We will also begin to use correct punctuation (full stops, question marks and capital letters.) They will also have daily handwriting lessons to practise joining letters.

History

Our topic in history is 'Toys'. The children will learn about the history of toys. They will also focus on comparing toys from the past to toys they have now.

Science

In science, we will be learning about seasonal change and everyday materials.

Geography

In geography we will be learning about human and physical features around our school as well as exploring aerial views of the school building and grounds.

Computing

In computing, the children will develop their understanding of a range of tools used for digital painting. They then use these tools to create their own digital paintings, while gaining inspiration from a range of artists' work.

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

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zcw76sg>
- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/revision/>

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

Year 1 Team

