

Curriculum Newsletter

Waltham Holy Cross - Summer Term 2026



Welcome to the third term of the academic year.

IC: Miss Chandler and Mrs Tant

IJ: Miss Jabelhadj and Mrs Darnell

IH: Miss Burbridge and Mrs Ragless

Welcome to the last term of the academic year. This term the children will continue to develop their reading with daily phonics, explore several genres in English and explore time, money, fractions and develop their place value knowledge in Maths.

REMINDERS

- PE lessons are as follows:
 - IC - Wednesday & Thursday
 - IJ - Tuesday & Wednesday
 - IH - 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.

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 term they will focus on athletics, striking and fielding, team building and fitness skills.

Art

In art, children will be learning about 'Colour Splash'. The children will learn about primary and secondary colours and will explore textures and shades. They will also learn about the artists 'Jasper Johns' and 'Clarence Cliff'.

RWV

In religion and worldviews this term, the children will be looking at the Jewish story of creation and the celebration of Shabbat.

Maths

In Maths the children will learn about fractions. They will find a half and a quarter of shapes and quantities. We will continue to practise addition and subtraction and will work with numbers to 100. The children will compare and order numbers and develop their understanding of place value. They will learn about money; naming coins and identifying their value. We will also explore different ways to make a total using notes and coins. Finally, the children will learn to tell the time to the hour and to half past the hour.

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 story 'Meerkat Mail'. The children will have the chance to plan, write and edit their own text with a focus on writing letters. They will also write a diary entry using Hansel and Gretel as our stimuli. We will continue to use correct punctuation (full stops, question marks and capital letters). The children will also explore conjunctions within their writing. They will also have daily handwriting lessons.

History

Our topic in History is 'Seaside'. The children will then learn about what it was like going to the seaside 100 years ago compared to today.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about plants and continuing our journey into Summer with Seasonal Change.

Geography

In Geography we will be learning about our world, exploring the continents and the oceans. We will learn about the climate and what it is like to live in different countries of the world.

Computing

In Computing, the children will begin to learn about creating media through digital writing. They will explore adding and removing text and changing text by using different tools.

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

[Mathletics United Kingdom | Empowering Maths Learning Online
https://play.numbots.com/](https://play.numbots.com/)

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

Year 1 Team

