



Curriculum Newsletter

Waltham Holy Cross – Spring Term 2026

Welcome to the second term of the academic year.

Children will continue to develop their reading with daily phonics lessons, explore poetry and fictional stories in English and explore number, statistics, time and geometry in maths lessons.

REMINDERS

- All children in Year 2 will have a PE lesson on Thursday. PE days with the class teacher will be as follows:
 - 2R – Tuesday
 - 2T – Friday
 - 2C – Friday
- PE kits: A top in their house colour, black trainers and black joggers/shorts. We do have PE outside sometimes in winter so a warm, black tracksuit is necessary.
- Please ensure your child brings their book bag book and reading record to school each day. Please leave any comments in the diary, as children will receive stickers for reading at home. They will read with an adult once a week.
- Reading books will be changed once a week.
- Please ensure full and correct uniform is worn daily. No jewellery is allowed, including earrings.

Homework will be set online and spellings will be on worksheets.

Mathletics – 2x tasks weekly

TTRS/Numbots – please aim for 3x per week

Spelling Shed – weekly. Children should practise their spellings online and/or from their spelling sheet, ready for a spelling test on a Friday.

Oxford Owl – weekly reading of banded phonics books.

NB: This does not apply to children in the comprehension group for phonics.

If you have misplaced any of your logins, please speak to the class teacher.

Topics

PE

The children have two designated PE lessons every week. One is on a Thursday afternoon and the other is depending on your class. They will focus on gymnastics and invasion games.

Art

Maths

We will continue to develop place value and number bonds to 20 and 100. Counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s will also be a focus, as well as confident addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children will be learning about fractions, position and direction in geometry and telling the time to the minute past and minute to. Dienes and other resources will be used to support and extend the children's understanding

English

All children will have daily phonics practice to develop their reading, as well as literacy lessons to develop their writing skills. We will explore the story 'What the Jackdaw Saw' by Julia Donaldson this term. The children will have the chance to plan, write and edit their own writing with a focus on using correct punctuation. They will also have daily handwriting lessons to practice joining letters. Pupils will be encouraged to speak



History

This term will be focussed on the moon landing. We will be exploring astronauts, evidence and the impact this significant event has had on the world.

Science

In science, we will be learning about animals, including humans. The children will be discussing life cycles, offspring and how to live a healthy lifestyle.

Geography

In geography, the children will be exploring and comparing London vs Sydney. They will investigate the differences in the human and physical geography of these cities, such as the climate.

Computing

Children will be learning about digital photography – how to take photos, what makes a good photo, and digital editing techniques.

Please continue to read daily with your child at home and remind your child to bring in their phonics books and reading record, so their reading at home can be rewarded.

Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated! Miss Curtis, Mrs Robey and Miss Taylor