



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1/2 ~ Spring Term 2013

Our Visual Literacy Theme is...

Food Glorious Food

Our PE Days are...

Monday (Kangaroo Class), Wednesday (Caterpillar Class), Thursday (Tiger Class)
Reading and Letters and Sounds every day.

Our Homework day is...

Additional work will be added once a week on Friday to be handed in the next Wednesday.



Mathematical Development

Maths is divided into 5 blocks.

Block A: Counting, partitioning and calculating.

Block B: Securing number facts and understanding shape.

Block C: Handling data and measures.

Block D: Calculating, measuring and understanding shape.

Block E: Securing number facts, relationships and calculating.

Each of the 5 blocks is covered each term at a level appropriate to age and ability.

Communication, Language and Literacy

Literacy – Fiction – Stories from a range of cultures with predictable/repeating patterns.

Literacy – Non-Fiction – Information texts.

Literacy - Non-fiction – Recounts

Letters and Sounds (Phonics) to be taught daily.

Reading- Children will be taught reading through Guided Reading, Shared Reading and individual reading.

Physical Development

During this term we will be covering the following areas:

Physical Development- Athletics

Physical Development- Striking and Fielding

Knowledge & Understanding of the World

During this term we will be covering the following areas:

Science – Growing plants. Children consider the idea of plants as living things which grow and change. Children should become aware of similarities and differences in plants.

Ourselves - Through this unit children learn about their senses and how they can use them to explore the world around them. They also learn that humans and other animals move and grow.

Geography - Food around the world- thinking about where food is grown and tasting different types of food.

ICT- Research- Research where different food comes from.

Presenting Text- Using Laptops to present a Food Factfile based on their work during that term.

Creative Development

During this term we will be covering the following areas:

Art- Designing and painting Giraffe – community project with Colchester Zoo.

Design and Technology- designing and making their own fruit salad.

Personal, Social & Emotional

During this term we will be covering the following areas:

RE - Special Places.

RE – Special ways of living.

PSHE – Healthy Lifestyle.

Important Messages and Reminders...

Please can we remind parents to make sure that your child's name is written inside all school uniform/equipment to reduce the amount of lost property.

On PE Days please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school. Please also remember that earrings should be removed or covered with tape and that hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons.

It is really helpful if parents can continue to support children's Letters and Sounds work and reading at home and fill in yellow reading diaries every time they read with their child, whether it be their stage book, sharing book or a book from home.

There are a range of resources to help you help your child available on the school website. Visit

www.holytrinityhalstead.com/helpingyourchild