





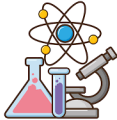



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

YEAR 3 Spring Term 1



Subject	What are we learning?	How can you help at home?
English 	<p>In English we will be learning through the books 'Stone Age Boy' and 'Book of Bones'. The children will learn to: write instructions and to use simple organisational devices such as headings and sub-headings. We will revisit synonyms and the children will work with dictionaries again.</p>	<p>We would still love you to hear your child read as often as possible and they will bring home a school book. We will also be encouraging reading for pleasure in school through regular visits to our school library.</p> <p>Your child will receive weekly spellings, please support them with these words from the Year 3/4 statutory spelling list.</p>
Maths 	<p>In Maths this term we will be looking at multiplication, especially looking at our 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables. The children will look at the links between multiplication and division. We will then go on to look at these operations in the context on word problems. After that we will begin to look at length and perimeter.</p>	<p>Please encourage your children to use the TT Rockstars games to increase the speed of their times tables.</p>
RE 	<p>We will begin by continuing our 'Advent' topic and learning about the days following the birth of Jesus. The children will consider key questions about the Shepherds and their gifts. We will look at St Francis and the custom he started of building a crib.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to discuss their learning about Christmas. Who were the key people? What was their role?</p>
Topic 	<p>In History, we will be learning about The Stone Age. We will be thinking about the lifestyle of the people and what their interests were, using images, websites and non-fiction texts. The children will be trying to answer questions such as 'How do we know what they ate?'; 'How do we know that they grew crops?' and 'How do we know that their houses were dark?' We will be talking about the significance of Stonehenge and Skara Brae and what archaeologists have learned from these places.</p>	<p>Use the library or the internet to further investigate Stone Age life.</p>
Science 	<p>This term our topic in Science is Health and Movement. The children will look at the human body and how we move. We will also ask what is a healthy, balanced diet.</p>	<p>There are online lessons to further support your child's learning on the Oak Academy website found here: https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/rock-cycle-bd29</p>
Art & DT 	<p>The children will be learning to replicate some of the techniques used by notable artists, artisans and designers. They will create original pieces that are influenced by studies of others. Our topic will be Dragon Sculptures.</p>	<p>If you and your child would like to create sculptures at home, we would love to see what you come up with!</p>

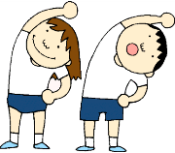






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PE 	<p>Children should come into school wearing their P.E kits. They will be starting with gymnastics.</p> <p>Our PE day is WEDNESDAY</p>	<p>Please make sure your child has full PE kit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewellery is not allowed. • Long hair should be tied back. • For safety reasons, one small stud earring per ear. <p>Go Noodle and BBC Super Movers are great websites to get moving indoors!</p>
PSHE 	<p>Created to Love Others explores the individual's relationship with others. Building on the understanding that we have been created out of love and for love, this module explores how we take this calling into our family, friendships and relationships, and teaches strategies for developing healthy relationships and keeping safe.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to talk about what makes a healthy relationship and how they can show they can be a good friend to the people they love.</p>
Music 	<p>All the learning is focused around one song: Three Little Birds. The material presents an integrated approach to music where games, elements of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.), singing and playing instruments are all linked. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Reggae songs.</p>	<p>We would love it if you could share music with your child at home. If they learn a song or an instrument and would like to share it with us, that would be wonderful!</p>
French 	<p>The children will learn to speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures in the context of subjects studied at school. To express opinions about school subjects.</p>	<p>Ask your child to share the new vocabulary they have learned with you.</p>
Homework 	<p>For Homework this term, we are prioritising the key skills children need to underpin their learning: Reading, Spelling and Times Tables.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure your child reads their reading book at least 5 times per week and this needs to be recorded in their reading record. <p>Children need to bring their reading book and reading record into school every day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spellings should be learned daily and will be tested weekly. • Practise times tables and the related division facts daily using Times Tables Rockstars – your child should have brought home a log in for this. 	