






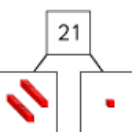


Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

YEAR 1 & 2 Autumn Term 2



Subject	What are we learning?	How can you help at home?
<p>English - Writing</p>  	<p>In English this half term, we will be exploring recipes through Nadia Shireen's 'Billy and the Beast'. We will be making predictions about what the book is about, exploring characters and using imperative verbs in our writing. Our second book is 'Mr Tiger Goes Wild' by Peter Brown'. In our second learning journey we will be exploring diary writing through exploring the characters, the first person and conjunctions.</p> <p>In Year 2, we will be learning how to write interesting postcards from the moon! We will be learning through the text 'Man on the Moon' and we will look at description, first person and conjunctions. We will then continue by writing letters based on the book 'The Misadventures of Frederick'.</p>	<p>In Year 1, perhaps explore some recipes at home – what are their features? Do they have numbers, verbs, pictures? Perhaps look at diaries at home – what do we use them for? Does your child have a diary?</p> <p>In Year 2, perhaps look at the features of postcards and letters with your child. Have they ever received a letter or postcard? How are they laid out? Perhaps they could practise writing some postcards and letters at home.</p>
<p>English – Reading</p> 	<p>Together in Reading, we will be exploring the heritage text 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. In our reading sessions we will be making inferences, drawing on our own experiences all whilst fostering a love for reading.</p>	<p>Please hear your child read at home, every day if possible. It really does make a huge difference. Ask questions which encourage your child to draw inferences about characters' feelings, thoughts, emotions and actions. How are they feeling? Why did they do that? What might they do next? Why?</p>
<p>Phonics</p> 	<p>In Phonics this half term, Year 1 will be revising Phase 3 and 4 sounds. We will be having daily phonics lessons, and targeted reading groups three times a week. Our reading book are fully decodable, and they link to our phonics scheme.</p>	<p>We follow the Little Wandle Synthetic Phonics Scheme at Holy Cross. You can find more information about the scheme here: https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/</p> <p><u>Spellings</u> Spellings will be sent out after the initial settling in period. They will be sent out on a Monday and due in the following Monday. Once completed the children will receive 2 dojos! (our online classroom reward system)</p>
<p>SPaG</p> 	<p>In Year 2, we will be completing SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) sessions during Year 1 Phonics lessons.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to correctly punctuate their writing at home, can they extend their use of punctuation using exclamation marks, question marks or ellipsis?</p> <p><u>Spellings</u> See spellings above</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>In Year 1, we will be starting our topic of multiplication and division. We will be counting in 2's and sharing into equal groups. We will then be moving onto fraction and geometry and then number and place value and addition and subtraction.</p> <p>In Year 2, we will dive back into our measurements topic. Here we look at measuring in length and money. We will then use of addition and subtraction knowledge to work out amounts using money. We will then move to look at multiplication, especially 2s, 5s and 10s and properties of 2D and 3D shapes.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to count in 2's at home – maybe using practical resources, beads, toys or even bits of pasta! Perhaps try sharing different quantities – maybe counting out treats. Does it always have to be an even number to share equally. What if I shared 9 treats with 3 people?</p> <p>Could you children pay for items in a shop using real coins? How much do the items add up to? Which coins will they need to make this amount? Can the children tell you the value of all the coins in your wallet?</p>











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<p>RE</p> 	<p>In RE, we will be continuing our topic of 'Catholic Social Teaching' and discussing how we can look after God's world and encourage others to do the same.</p> <p>We will then be starting our topic of 'Advent', we will be looking through the eyes of Mary and Joseph in their preparation for the birth of Jesus.</p> <p>We will also be having daily worship and taking time in the day to reflect on the messages from this.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to reflect on how we can look after God's world – being kind to one another, exploring local charities and how we might support them.</p> <p>Perhaps explore the Christmas story with your child, how do you think Mary and Joseph felt when they were travelling to Bethlehem? What would they have packed?</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>In Geography, we are exploring our school and we will be creating a map. We will be exploring maps of our local area, identifying physical and human features, labelling the points of a compass and carrying out some field work around the school.</p>	<p>Perhaps explore some maps with your child – what can they see? Can they look at a satellite map, a road map an OS map? How are they different?</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>In Science we are going to be classifying animals into mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians. We will be considering what they eat and if they are a carnivore, herbivore or omnivores.</p>	<p>Discuss with your child about what parts of their bodies they use for different things. How do they see? What do they smell with? What do we need to survive? How can we keep healthy?</p>
<p>Art</p>	<p>In Art we are exploring 'Animal Art', inspired by our trip to Amazon World. The children will be experimenting with a range of mark marking, sketching styles and painting.</p>	<p>You could try some drawing at home – try using different pencils and mediums. Do they produce different effects?</p>
<p>PE</p> 	<p>In Year 1 and Year 2, we will be focusing on gymnastics and indoor athletics. Children should come into school wearing PE kits.</p> <p>Our PE days are THURSDAY and FRIDAY</p>	<p>We will be doing PE outside often, so please ensure your child is dressed accordingly. Please also make sure your child has the correct PE kit. Information on required PE kit can be found on our website: http://www.holycrossrcpri.iow.sch.uk/web/school_uniform/591997</p>
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>Our topic in PSHE this half term is 'Created and Loved by God'. We will develop our understanding of the importance of valuing ourselves as the basis for personal relationships.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to talk about what is special about them and being kind to others.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Our music immersion day this half term will link with our class work. We will have the opportunity to appraise music, and to have a go at writing and performing our own.</p> <p>We are also practicing choral singing through our Christmas play.</p>	<p>Please encourage your child to listen to a variety of songs, listening for pulse, rhythm and pitch.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>In computing we will be exploring the world of digital art and its exciting range of tools, taking inspiration from different artists and creating their very own pictures.</p>	<p>What pieces of art can you spot that have been made digitally? What do you like about it? What shapes and colours has the artist used?</p>
<p>Homework</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily reading – recording it in the reading record (15mins). Children need their reading book and reading record in school every day.• Year 1 – Practise the sounds your child is learning - You can use the parent page on Little Wandle to support you. (10mins)• Weekly maths and spelling activity. Homework is set on a Monday and due on a Friday. Each piece of homework handed in will be rewarded with 2 dojos! <p>In Year 1 and 2 children can earn dojos for excellent work, behaviour or kindness towards others. Once your child earns 30 dojos they can choose a prize from the prize box!</p>	