









# Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

YEAR 5 Autumn Term 2



Subject	What are we learning?	How can you help at home?
<b>English – Writing</b> 	<p>Through 'A Night at the Frost Fair' by Emma Carroll, we will write a setting description of the Frost Fair, using clips from 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' to develop our vocabulary.</p> <p>We will then move on to 'Letters from Father Christmas' by JRR Tolkien, where we will write letters in the style of the author.</p>	<p>Support your child with careful handwriting, punctuation and spelling whenever they're writing at home.</p> <p>Your child will also receive weekly spellings. Please support them with learning these words.</p>
<b>English – Reading</b> 	<p>We will develop our reading skills through two texts this half term: 'HerStory: 50 Women and Girls Who Shook the World' by Katherine Halligan and Sarah Walsh, and 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.</p> <p>We will make predictions and practice our retrieval skills, as well as inferring a character's thoughts and feelings and analysing language.</p>	<p>Please hear your child read as often as possible, it makes a huge difference to their fluency and progress.</p> <p>Talk about the books your child is reading, ask them what's happened so far, or what they think will happen next. Discuss any new vocabulary. Talk about how a character might be feeling and why.</p>
<b>Maths</b> 	<p>We will continue with our multiplication and division topic, where we will become confident in finding common multiples and factors, before moving on to prime, square and cube numbers.</p> <p>Then we will move on to fractions. We will look at recognising equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering fractions and adding fractions, including mixed numbers and improper fractions.</p>	<p>Support your child with practicing their times tables. You could use TT Rock Stars or any other multiplication games.</p> <p>You could also download the White Rose Minute Maths App, <a href="https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths">https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths</a> and have a go at some of the multiplication and division activities on there.</p>
<b>RE</b> 	<p>We will be continuing with our topic of Catholic Social Teaching (CST), where we will discuss who are the marginalised people in society and what we can do to help them to be included.</p> <p>We will then move on to Advent, where we will be focusing on the key question: 'How does John the Baptist help us to prepare during Advent?'. We will explore what the season of Advent is for, before learning what scripture tells us about John the Baptist and what his message was.</p>	<p>Could you help someone in your local area? You could make a donation to the local food bank or charity shop, or help friends or family that may be in need.</p>
<b>History</b> 	<p>We will be learning all about the 'The Changing Role of Women' through our History topic. We will learn about how the varying roles and rights of women have changed through history, from ancient civilisations to the Renaissance and onwards into the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. We will also explore the women's suffrage movement and the role of women in the First World War, before discussing whether we have gender equality today.</p>	<p>You could support your child to use the internet to see what they can find out about an important woman in history. Perhaps you could visit the library and find some books about our topic.</p>
<b>French</b> 	<p>Through our 'All About Ourselves' topic, we will apply our knowledge of topic areas such as clothes and the body to describe our own appearance. We will focus on some key grammatical areas, in particular adjectives, and practise our conversational skills, learning to talk about emotions and health.</p>	<p>Ask your child to share the new vocabulary they have learned with you. If you know any French, you could help your child practise their newest phrases and knowledge!</p>










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<b>Science</b> 	<p>We will be finding out about 'Forces in Action'. We will learn about the force of gravity and how this makes unsupported objects fall to the centre of the Earth, as well as how friction acts between two surfaces and what air and water resistance are. We will also explore levers, pulleys and gears and how they allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.</p>	<p>Can you recreate one of the simple experiments that we have done at school at home? Can you design your own experiment investigating gravity or friction?</p>
<b>Design Technology</b> 	<p>We are focusing on structures in DT and we will be looking at Chinese kites. We will begin by understanding the four great inventions of China and how they shaped the world, before moving on to designing, building and testing our kite prototypes. Finally, we will make and evaluate our kites.</p>	<p>Can you find out any information at home about the four great inventions of China? Which one do you think is the most important? Why?</p>
<b>PE</b> 	<p>PE this half term is gymnastics and dance.  Children should come into school wearing PE kits.  We will be doing PE outside often, so please ensure your child is dressed accordingly.  Our PE days are <b>TUESDAYS</b> and <b>WEDNESDAYS</b>.</p>	<p>Please also make sure your child has the correct PE kit. Information on required PE kit can be found on our website:  <a href="http://www.holycrossrcpri.iow.sch.uk/web/school_uniform/591997">http://www.holycrossrcpri.iow.sch.uk/web/school_uniform/591997</a></p>
<b>PSHE</b> 	<p>As part of our topic 'Created and Loved by God' (which spans all of the Autumn Term), we will learn that celebrating differences between people is enriching. We will explore the physical changes that boys and girls go through during puberty and how they should respect and take care of their bodies as gifts from God.</p>	<p>Your children may have some questions about what they have learnt during our PSHE lessons and may want to discuss these with you. The children are also more than welcome to come and further discuss any of the lessons taught with an adult at school.</p>
<b>Music</b> 	<p>In our 'Sing and Play in Different Styles' topic, we will learn to sing and play in different styles and how this is an important part of being in a band. We will learn about music from all around the world and explore the 'tempo' (speed of the beat) of different pieces. Our songs that we will be performing are 'The Sparkle in My Life', 'Dreaming of Mars' and 'Get on Board'.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to sing the songs they've been learning to you (if they're brave enough!)</p>
<b>Computing</b> 	<p>We begin by gaining an understanding of the difference between online and offline communication, before exploring online communication in detail, as well as looking at the positives and negatives of different online communication methods. We will also learn all about emails, including the features of an email, the process of how an email is sent, email protocols and how to send attachments in emails.</p>	<p>Discuss at home ways to keep safe online. Why should passwords be strong? What should you do if you find something that is inappropriate or upsetting online?</p>
<b>Homework</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily reading – recording it in the reading record (15mins). <b>Children need their reading book and reading record in school every day.</b></li> <li>• Daily Times tables practise – <a href="#">TT Rock Stars</a> (5mins)</li> <li>• Weekly Maths, Reading and Spelling (Set on a Wednesday, due in on a Wednesday)</li> </ul>	