

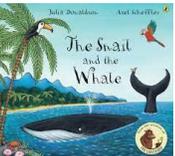
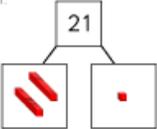


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CURRICULUM INFORMATION

YEAR 1 Autumn Term 1



Subject	What are we learning?	How can you help at home?
<p>English</p>  	<p>In English this half term, we will be completing an author study of the wonderful Julia Donaldson, including the texts 'Room on the Broom' and 'The Snail and the Whale', as part of our writing journeys.</p> <p>We will be focusing on lots of sentence writing, making sure that we consistently use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.</p> <p>The children will also have the opportunity to write their own letters and become authors themselves, imagining what happens next in the story.</p>	<p><u>Reading</u> Please continue to hear your child read at home, 5 times a week if possible. Ask questions which encourage your child to draw inferences about characters' feelings, thoughts, emotions and actions.</p> <p><u>Spellings</u> Spellings will be sent out after the initial settling in. They will not be tested in a formal way to begin with – please do not worry!</p> <p>Julia Donaldson If you have any Julia Donaldson books, please share them with your child. Or, alternatively, you can find lots of them on YouTube if you don't have a hard copy.</p>
<p>Phonics</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>In Phonics this half term, we will be revising Phase 3 and 4 sounds. All children will be having daily phonics lesson and targeted reading groups three times a week. Our reading book are fully decodable, and they link to our phonics scheme.</p>	<p>Over the first few weeks, we will be sending home sounds and tricky words for your child. Please can you practise these at home.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>In Maths, we will be focusing on place value, and addition and subtraction within 10.</p> <p>We will be using lots of practical resources for our work and we will be completing lots of fluency and problem-solving activities.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to count forwards and backwards to 10, and from 10. Support writing numbers to 10, focusing on forming them in the correct way. You could help your child to have a go at some practical addition and subtraction around the home. This might even include adding pasta in the kitchen! You could also download the White Rose Minute Maths App, https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths and have fun with addition and subtraction on there.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>In RE, we will be learning about Creation and how God felt after He created the world. We will be reflecting about what is special in the world to us, and how we can thank God for this.</p> <p>We will also be having daily worships and taking time in the day to reflect on the messages from this.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to think about what they think is special in the world and why. What is amazing about our world? Is it a particular place or animal they like?</p>

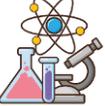


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Topic	In Geography, we will be exploring the school and its grounds. We will also be looking at physical and human features, and putting this information together into a map. We will look at where we are located on the Isle of Wight.	Discuss with your child what town we live in and where that is on the Isle of Wight. Perhaps look at maps together and talk about why they are useful, including the use of sat navs.
Science 	In Science, we will be exploring our wonderful bodies! Children will have the opportunity to explore their senses and name their key body parts.	Discuss with your child about what parts of their bodies they use for different things. How do they see? What do they smell with?
Art & DT 	In Art, we will be delving into the world of Beatrix Potter and her wonderful watercolours. The children will have the opportunity to explore print making using a variety of tools and materials.	Perhaps share some of Beatrix Potter's books with your child and look at the illustrations. What do they like about them?
PE 	Children should come into school wearing their P.E kits. They will be doing PE outside as often as they can, so please ensure your child is dressed accordingly. When the weather gets very cold and wet, PE will take place in the hall. Our PE day is FRIDAY	Please make sure your child has full PE kit. <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. Go Noodle and BBC Super Movers are great websites to get moving indoors!
PSHE 	Our topic in PSHE this half term is "Created and Loved by God". The children will develop their understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships.	Encourage your child to talk about what is special about them and being kind to others.
Music 	Our topic in Music this half term is 'Hey You!'. The children will be learning about the difference between pulse, rhythm and pitch and to learn how to rap!	Please encourage your child to listen to a variety of songs, listening for pulse, rhythm and pitch.
Homework 	For Homework this term, we are prioritising the key skills children need to underpin their learning: Reading, Phonics, Spelling and Times Tables. <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. Children need to bring their reading book and reading record into school every day. • Please support your child with writing their sounds and saying their letters. You can use the parent page on Little Wandle to support you. • Practice understanding place value, addition and subtraction using resources provided by the teacher. 	