

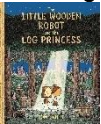







Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

YEAR 1 & 2 Spring 1



Subject	What are we learning?	How can you help at home?
English – Writing 	<p>In English this half term, we will be reading Tom Gauld's "Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess", a fresh new fairytale where a Little Robot embarks on a journey to find his sister, the Log Princess. Children will have the opportunity to write a detailed setting description and create a missing poster for the Log Princess.</p>	<p>Spellings will be sent out on a Friday and due in the following Friday. We will also be sending out a list of tricky words for your child to practice at home.</p>
English – Reading 	<p>In our reading lessons this half term, we reading David Lucas's "The Robot and the Bluebird" a moving story about a robot with a broken heart destined for the scrapheap. Through our reading lessons, we will be making inferences, retrieving information about the text and linking ideas to our own experiences.</p>	<p>Please continue to hear your child read at home, 5 times a week if possible. It will make such a positive difference on your child's fluency. Ask questions which encourage your child to draw inferences about the characters' feelings, thoughts and emotions.</p>
Phonics 	<p>In Phonics this half term, Year 1 will be continuing to learn Phase 5 sounds through daily phonics lessons. Our reading groups continue three times a week. Our decodable reading books link to our phonics scheme.</p> <p>In Year 2, we will continue to apply our phonics within our spellings, but will also be continuing looking at spelling patterns and rules.</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>
Maths 	<p>In Year 1, we will be continuing our learning on Shape. We will then be moving onto the topics Place Value (within 20) and Addition and Subtraction (within 20).</p> <p>In Year 2, we will be continuing our learning on Properties of Shape. We will then be moving onto Money and then Multiplication and Division.</p>	<p>In Year 1, you could explore looking at different shapes found around the house. You could also have a go at addition and subtraction using items around the home, such as buttons or pasta. In Year 2, explore looking at shapes around the home, talking about their faces, edges and vertices. Look at coins you might have at home and, if possible, encourage your child to use coins at the shop. Explore Multiplication and Division word problems. For example, there are 10 cats, each cat has 4 treats. How many treats altogether?</p>
RE 	<p>In RE we will be learning about Christmas, in which we will be exploring Jesus through the journey of others. Our second RE topic this half term is Revelation. In this unit we will be exploring stories from the Scripture, which show how special Jesus is. It looks in particular at the miracle stories.</p>	<p>Talk to your child about journeys they have been on, what did they have to do to prepare for it? Was it a long journey or short? Were there any obstacles along the way?</p> <p>Perhaps discuss some of the miracles that Jesus performed. Why were they so special, how did others feel when they saw these miracles? What is there favourite miracle they have learnt about?</p>
Computing 	<p>In computing this half term, we will be learning about "Technology Around Us". Through this unit, the children will be exploring technology at home, at school and in the world around them.</p>	<p>Perhaps look at technology around the home and when you are out and about? Ask the question, how does technology improve our lives? Make our lives safer? How does it entertain us?</p>











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Geography 	In Geography this half term, Year 2 will be embarking on a whistle-stop tour around the world, exploring the seven continents of the world. We will have the opportunity to learn about a country on each of the seven continents and explore their features, people and landmarks. We will be able to locate the continents on a world map.	Perhaps have a look at a globe or a world map with your child at home. What are the seven continents called? What are the names of the five oceans? Have you ever been to another continent before? Can you track how you travelled there?
Forest School 	Year 1 will be completing their first set of Forest School sessions led by Mrs Downey. On a Friday afternoon, we will have the opportunity to develop our team work skills, explore the outdoor environment and promote self-esteem and creativity.	Please can Year 1 bring in suitable clothes for Forest School sessions on a Friday. These will include: wellies, waterproofs, long sleeved tops and trousers and hats, gloves, scarves if the weather turns cold!
Art & Design 	In our 'Puppets' topic, children will have the opportunity to work with fabric to create their own puppets. We will look at finger puppets and then moving onto to developing and refining sewing skills before designing, creating and evaluating their own glove puppets.	Have a look at different puppets with your child, have you got any at home? What different types of puppets have you seen? If you have any puppets at home, we would love to see them and look at them with our class.
Science 	Our Science this half term is 'Exploring Everyday Materials'. We will be identifying, classifying and describing the everyday materials around us. Through fun activities and investigations, we will explore the properties of materials, such as wood, plastic, metal, glass and fabric and start to explore the uses of everyday materials.	Perhaps look at everyday materials around the house. What are different materials used for? What are their properties? How would you describe them?
PE 	We are focusing on dance in PE this half term. Children should come into school wearing PE kits. Our PE day is THURSDAY	Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit. Information on required PE kit can be found on our website: http://www.holycrosscpri.iow.sch.uk/web/school_uniform/591997
PSHE 	PSHE this half term is 'Created to Love Others'. Building on the understanding that we have been created out of love and for love, we explore how we take this calling into our family, friendships and relationships, developing healthy relationships and keeping safe both online and in our daily lives.	Perhaps talk to children about who is special to them? Why are they special to them? Talk to your child about being safe online, what sites are safe? Which sites should we be looking at with a grown up? Which sites should we never go on alone?
Music 	Our topic for Music this half term is 'Inventing a Musical Story'. We will learn that music can help us to tell a story and express our feelings. We can also use instruments with different sounds to help communicate a story and different emotions.	Please encourage your child to listen to a variety of songs, listening to pulse, rhythm and pitch.
Homework 	<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 (Due in on Fridays) 	