



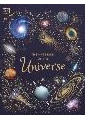
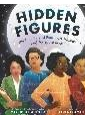






# Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

YEAR 5 Spring Term 1



Subject	What are we learning?	How can you help at home?
<b>English – Writing</b>  	<p>Through the film ‘Pandora Discovered’, we will write a non-chronological report of our own planet, using the text ‘Planetarium’ by Raman Prinja to structure our ideas.</p> <p>We will then move on to ‘The Land of Neverbelieve’ by Norman Messenger, where we will write another non-chronological report about a beast in the style of the text.</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: ‘The Mysteries of the Universe’ by Will Gater and ‘Hidden Figures’ by Margot Lee Shetterly.</p> <p>We will make predictions and practice our retrieval skills, as well as analysing language and identifying features of non-fiction texts.</p>	<p>We would love you to hear your child read as often as possible, and they will bring home a school reading book.</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 fractions topic, where we will become confident in adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers.</p> <p>We will then revisit multiplication and division, where we will focus on multiplication and division methods, as well as solving problems with multiplication and division.</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 begin with our Christmas topic, where we will be focusing on the key question: ‘How can the circumstances of Jesus’ birth inspire our actions today?’. We will explore what we can learn from the journey of the Wise Men and what messages we can take from Jesus’ birth and the flight to Egypt. We will also relate it to refugees today and why some people have to leave their country of birth.</p>	<p>How could you reach out to refugees or someone in need in your local area? Are there any charities that you could donate to or fundraise for?</p>
<b>Geography</b> 	<p>We will be learning all about ‘Scandinavia’ through our Geography topic. We will learn which countries and major cities are in Scandinavia, and their location on a world map, as well as what the climate and weather is like. We will also explore the human and physical features of Scandinavia, before comparing and contrasting an area in the UK with an area in Scandinavia.</p>	<p>You could support your child to use the internet to see what they can find out about a Scandinavian country or city. 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 learn key vocabulary related to food and drink. We will learn how to say what drinks we like, what we like to eat for breakfast, fillings for sandwiches, toppings for pizzas, what snacks we like and opening and closing times of shops.</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>Design Technology</b> 	We are focusing on electronics in DT and we will be looking at electronic wire games, which we will link in with our Science topic of 'Earth and Space'. We will begin by creating a variety of circuits and exploring how to make different switches for our circuit. We will then identify the design brief and criteria, before we design, model and create our ideas.	Have a look around your home for items that may have an electronic circuit inside. Do they have a switch to turn them on? Is there a motor or buzzer inside? See if you can draw the circuits correctly!
<b>PE</b> 	We are focusing on indoor athletics and benchball in PE this half term. Children should come into school wearing PE kits. We may do PE outside, so please ensure your child is dressed accordingly. Our PE days are <b>TUESDAYS</b> and <b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit. Information on required PE kit can be found on our website: <a href="http://www.holycrosscpri.iow.sch.uk/web/school_uniform/591997">http://www.holycrosscpri.iow.sch.uk/web/school_uniform/591997</a>
<b>PSHE</b> 	We will begin our topic of 'Created to Love Others' (which spans all of the Spring Term) exploring our relationships with others. Building on the understanding that we have been created out of love and for love, we will learn how we take this calling into our family, friendships and relationships, and find strategies for developing healthy relationships and keeping safe both online and in our daily lives.	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.
<b>Music</b> 	In our 'Composing and Chords' topic, we will learn about chords and how they provide the basis for accompaniment in music. We will compose an accompaniment that uses chords as well as performing a variety of songs, including 'Freedom is Coming', 'All Over Again' and 'Do You Ever Wonder?'	Encourage your child to sing the songs they've been learning to you (if they're brave enough!)
<b>Computing</b> 	We will start our 'Strategic Searching Online' topic, where we will learn to use search engines effectively and how to refine our searches using various techniques, such as Boolean operators and keywords. We will also learn to look for clues to see if a website can be trusted and whether the information presented is reliable.	Practise what you have learnt at school when you are using the computers at home. How could you make your search more refined? Are you using a trusted website?
<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>	