






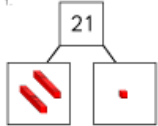



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

YEAR 1 & 2 Autumn Term 1



Subject	What are we learning?	How can you help at home?
English - Writing  	<p>In English this half term, we will be delving into the magical world of fairy tales. Our first book is 'Rapunzel', a bold and funny retell by the author Bethan Woollvin. In Year 1 we will be focusing on lots of sentence writing, making sure that we consistently use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces when writing a character description. In Year 2 we will be writing a retell of the fairy tale using the past tense and the personal pronoun I.</p> <p>In our second book, we will be climbing the beanstalk with Jack in a quirky retell of the traditional tale Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be writing a diary from the perspective of Jack.</p>	<p>Perhaps share with your child traditional fairy tales at home. Discuss how they start, finish and their other features. Who are their favourite characters and why?</p> <p>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! We will also be sending out tricky word spellings to be practised at home.</p>
English – Reading  	<p>Through the books 'Three Little Vikings' by Bethan Woollvin and 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk' by Colin Stimpson. We will be making predictions, making inferences and drawing our own experiences in relation to the books.</p>	<p>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>
Phonics 	<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>In Year 2, we will be continuing to apply our phonics within our spellings, but also begin 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> <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>
Maths 	<p>In Year 1, we will be focusing on place value, and addition and subtraction within 10.</p> <p>In Year 2, we will be focusing on place value, and addition and subtraction within 100.</p> <p>We will be using lots of practical resources for our work and we will be completing lots of fluency, reasoning and problem-solving activities.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to count forwards and backwards to 10/100, and from 10/100. Support writing numbers to 10/100, 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!</p> <p>There are also lots of fun place value and addition and subtraction games on https://www.topmarks.co.uk/</p>
RE 	<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. 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>





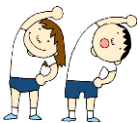






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Geography  	<p>In Geography for Year 1, we will be exploring the school and its grounds. We will also be looking at physical and human features, and putting this information together into a map. We will look at where we are located on the Isle of Wight.</p> <p>In Year 2 we will be learning about oceans, seas, continents and countries. We will be finding out about different human and physical features of the coastline, and the jobs and resources linked to these.</p>	<p>Discuss with your Year 1 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.</p> <p>Discuss the island's wonderful coastline with your Year 2 child. Which ones have you visited? What were the beaches like? Look on a globe or world map, where are the oceans? What are their names?</p>
Science 	<p>In Science, we will be exploring our wonderful bodies! We will be looking at the parts of the body and what makes us healthy.</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>
Art 	<p>In Art, we will be refining our drawing skills in our self-portrait topic. The children will get to explore famous artists and their self-portraits and have the chance to use different pencils and paints to create their own artwork.</p>	<p>Perhaps share some of Van Gogh, Matisse and Frida Kahlo's self-portraits with your child and look at the illustrations. What do they like about them? Would they change any of it?</p>
PE 	<p>In Year 1, we will be focusing on running and jumping skills. In Year 2, we will be learning all about dodging and building on our running skills.</p> <p>Our PE day is THURSDAY</p>	<p>Children should come into school wearing PE kits. 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.holycrosscpri.iow.sch.uk/web/school_uniform/591997</p>
PSHE 	<p>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.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to talk about what is special about them and being kind to others.</p>
Music 	<p>Our topic in Music this half term is 'Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch'. Through this scheme, the children will get to play games and explore the different dimensions of music.</p>	<p>Please encourage your child to listen to a variety of songs, listening for pulse, rhythm and pitch.</p>
Computing 	<p>We will be focusing on 'Online Safety'. We will be learning how to use the internet safely, and to begin to identify possible dangers online. We will be thinking about what to do if we think someone is being unkind to them online.</p>	<p>Talk to your child about what is safe behaviour online, and what is not.</p>
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) 	