









Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

YEAR 2 Summer Term 1



Subject	What are we learning?	How can you help at home?
English  	<p>In English we are linking some of our texts to our Geography topic of 'Hot Countries – Kenya'. Our writing journey will be focused on 'The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess' by Tom Gauld, where we will be writing our own adventure narrative. We will then move on to writing a retell of 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' by David Conway.</p> <p>Our first reading journey will focus on 'Africa, Amazing Africa' by Atinuke, where the children will learn the difference between fiction and non-fiction, select and retrieve key information and make inferences about the character's feelings. We will then move on to 'Mama Panya's Pancakes' by Mary and Rich Chamberlin.</p>	<p><u>Reading</u> Please continue to hear your child read at home, daily if possible. Ask your child questions about the book and explore the vocabulary.</p> <p><u>Spelling</u> Please continue to practise your child's spellings with them at home. Spellings will be set on a Wednesday and we will have a short test on Monday morning.</p>
Spelling 	<p>In Spelling, we will be continuing to learn our Phase 6 spelling rules and alternative sounds. During our daily sessions, children will have the opportunity to read with an adult.</p>	<p>Help your child to practise and consolidate spelling patterns when they are sent home.</p>
Maths 	<p>In Maths, we will be starting our topic of time. We will recap the key skills of o'clock and half past from Year 1, before moving on to quarter past and quarter to and finally time to the nearest 5 minutes. We will then be recapping some key topics from the previous terms, to ensure that they are embedded.</p> <p>We will use practical resources during our lessons and we will also challenge ourselves with reasoning and problem-solving questions.</p>	<p>Continue to use Times Table Rockstars to practice your 2, 5 and 10 times tables.</p> <p>Encourage your child to read the time at home. Where is the minute hand? Where is the hour hand?</p> <p>You could also download the White Rose Minute Maths App, https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths and have a go at some of the activities on there.</p>
RE 	<p>In RE, we will be starting our Easter topic. We will explore what we already know about Easter, before focusing on what it means to have faith and how we can share our faith with others. We will also discuss what Jesus says about faith through some key scriptures, including Luke 24:1-12 (Resurrection account), John 20:1-18 (Resurrection account) and John 20:24-29 (Doubting Thomas).</p>	<p>Discuss with your child what Easter means and how we can share our faith with others.</p>
Topic 	<p>Through our topic 'Hot Countries – Kenya', we will be learning about Africa and where it is on a map, before moving on to learning about the weather and climate of Kenya, the people who live there and the culture. We will also make similarities and differences between Kenya and the Isle of Wight.</p>	<p>Can you find out some interesting facts about Kenya or Africa? Has anyone you know been to Africa? What was it like?</p>

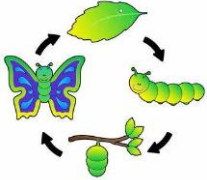
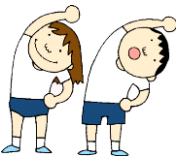





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PE 	<p>Children should come into school wearing their P.E kits. They will be doing PE outside for most of the time so please ensure your child is dressed accordingly. When the weather gets very cold and wet, PE will take place in the hall.</p> <p>Our PE day is MONDAY.</p>	<p>Please make sure your child has full PE kit.</p> <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. <p>Go Noodle and BBC Super Movers are great websites to get moving indoors!</p>
DT 	<p>Our focus in DT this half term is food and we will be making fruit kebabs. The children will explore a variety of existing products and will taste lots of different fruits so that they can decide what foods to use in their final product. The children will also create some design ideas, before deciding on a final product to make.</p>	<p>See if you can taste a variety of fruit at home for your final product. What did you like about some of the fruits? What did you not like?</p>
Music 	<p>We are participating in a Sea Shanty project with the Isle of Wight Music Hub, which will end with a large concert in Portsmouth. We will be learning the words to 6 different shanties in order to prepare for the concert, and we will also be combining composition and performance opportunities into our lessons too.</p>	<p>Listen to different genres of music and try and find the pulse (the heartbeat) of the music. Ask your child what instruments they can hear and how the music makes them feel.</p>
Homework 	<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. • Practise times tables and the related division facts daily using Times Tables Rockstars – your child should have brought home their log in already. • Spellings will be sent home on a Wednesday and the children will have a short spelling test on a Monday. • Maths homework will focus on SATs-style questions and will be set on a Friday, due the following Friday. 	