

Holy Cross Catholic Primary School CURRICULUM INFORMATION



YEAR 3 Autumn Term 1

Subject	What are we learning?	How can you help at home?
English - Writing	Through 'The Barnabus Project' by The Fan Brothers, we will design our	Support your child with careful handwriting, punctuation and spelling
HARRY	own failed pet and write informatively about how to look after it.	whenever they're writing at home.
	Through 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets' (Ch.6) by	Your child will also receive weekly spellings. Please support them with
you con sections.	J.K.Rowling, we will create a class collection of howlers (letters) to be	learning these words.
	read aloud.	
English — Reading	We will develop our reading skills through a fantastic text called 'It Fell	We would love you to hear your child read as often as possible, daily is
SKY	From the Sky' by The Fan Brothers. We will be practicing our retrieval,	ideal, and they will bring home a school reading book.
	prediction and inference skills, and begin to develop our summary skills.	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.
Maths	We will begin the half term with place value. We will represent and	Support your child with understanding 1s, 10s and 100s by using place
H T O 2 1 5	partition numbers to 100 and look at finding 1, 10 or 100 more or less.	value charts (like the ones pictured on the left).
	We will then work on comparing and ordering numbers to 1000.	
Hundreds Tens Ones		You could also download the White Rose Minute Maths App,
@		https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths and have a go at some of
		the addition and subtraction activities on there.
RE	We will be revisiting the Creation Story to examine how we are called to	If you, or your child, has been Baptised, you could look at photos, look at
	be part of God's creation through Baptism, and how Jesus calls us and	the certificate or candle, and discuss the event.
	called his disciples. We will also look at the initiation rites of the Hindu,	Perhaps you could learn a little more about the Hindu faith together.
	and other religions.	
stof Wille Fungle Our Amage	We will learn about Catholic Social Teaching (CST), how we are given	Talk about ways we can help look after (be stewards of) our planet and
	the important role of being stewards of God's Creation. We will explore	all things on it. Discuss the meaning of words 'dignity' and 'respect' and
	links between CST and the Gospels; and consider the Christian duty to	how we can show this to all.
	value all, as a child of God, showing dignity and respect.	
History	We will be learning all about the 'Development of Boatbuilding' through	You could support your child to use the internet to see what they can find
	our local History topic. We will learn about the Island's maritime	out about boatbuilding over the years on the Isle of Wight.
	innovations over the last 150 years and about local boat designers and	Perhaps visit a marina or boatyard on the Island to see some
	buoyancy. We will find out about Marconi's pioneering work on the	boatbuilding in action!
	Island, and how Morse Code was used on ships.	
French	Through our 'Getting to Know You' topic, we will learn to greet each	Ask your child to share the new vocabulary they have learned with you.
	other and to exchange names. We will also learn how to count to 10 and	If you know any French, you could help your child practise their newest
	say our age.	phrases and knowledge!



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DT	Linking with our science and history, our DT topic this half term is a 'Boat Building Challenge'. We will be designing and testing boats, before creating our own and reviewing the success of our designs.	Look at pictures of different types of boats. Which does your child like and why? Ask your child why are boats build in different styles for different purposes? Why are they made from different materials?
PE	In PE we will be learning Outdoor Adventurous Activities and Tag Rugby. During these activities we will develop our skills of throwing and catching and working as a team. Our PE days are TUESDAYS and WEDNESDAYS	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.holycrossrcpri.iow.sch.uk/web/school_uniform/591997
PSHE	As part of our topic 'Created and Loved by God' (which spans all of the Autumn Term), we will explore ourselves as individuals and learn more about the importance of valuing ourselves as the basis for personal relationships. We will also explore how we are made in the image and likeness of God.	You could discuss friendships and what makes a good friend. How does your child know if they are being a good friend? You could talk to your child about the meaning of 'valuing' something.
Music	We are moving over to our own Holy Cross scheme of music. We will teach music as a whole-day immersion experience. This means we will have more time to practise and use instruments, and to create our own music. This half term's music will link with our history topic.	Once your child has had it, discuss their music immersion day? What did they enjoy? Can they recreate any of the music for you?
Computing	We will look at how to write and send emails, and how to decide if an email is safe to open. We will look at cyberbullying and how to deal with unkind behaviour online. We will also look at the importance of privacy settings and the types of information we should not share online.	Talk to your child about what is safe behaviour online, and what is not. Discuss bullying behaviour and how it is the same as bullying in person.
Homework	 Daily reading – recording it in the reading record (15mins). Children need their reading book and reading record in school every day. Daily Times tables practise – TT Rock Stars (5mins) Your child has their TT Rock Stars log in, please ask if you need it again. Weekly Maths, Reading and Spelling (Due in on Fridays) 	