








Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

YEAR 2 Spring Term 2



Subject	What are we learning?	How can you help at home?
English 	<p>In English, we are linking our texts to our Science topic of 'Growing Plants' for the first part of Spring 2. Our writing journey will be focused on 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett, where we will be writing a letter of apology. We will then move on to writing a character description of the dragon from 'The Clockwork Dragon' by Jonathan Emmett.</p> <p>Our first reading journey will focus on 'The Misadventures of Frederick' by Ben Manley, where the children will learn how to make predictions about the text, select and retrieve key information and make inferences about the character's feelings. We will then move on to 'The Egg' by M.P Robertson.</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 continuing our multiplication and division topic. The children will become confident in the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and be able to multiply and divide using these facts. We will then move on to length and height and mass, capacity and temperature.</p> <p>We will use practical resources during our lessons and we will also challenge ourselves with reasoning and problem-solving questions.</p>	<p>Use Times Table Rockstars to practice your 2, 5 and 10 times tables.</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 continuing our Revelation topic before moving onto Lent. We will explore what we already know about Lent, before focusing on forgiveness and how we know God will listen to our desire to be forgiven. We will also discuss what Jesus says about forgiving others through some key scriptures, including Matthew 18:21-23 (Forgive 70 x 7) and Matthew 18:23-35 (Parable of the Unforgiving Servant).</p>	<p>Discuss with your child what Lent means and how it is a time for forgiveness. Could you think of something to give up for Lent?</p>
Topic 	<p>Through our topic 'Castles', we will be learning about who built the first castles in the UK and why and what the different parts of castles are. We will also explore the people who lived in medieval castles and what castles we have in our local area.</p>	<p>If you have ever been to a castle, what was it like? Can you find out about different castles that are on the Isle of Wight?</p>


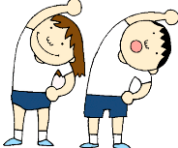





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Science 	<p>In science, we will be focusing on 'Growing Plants'. The children will begin by learning about different seeds and bulbs and how plants grow from them. We will then explain why and how seeds are dispersed and what conditions a plant needs to grow.</p>	<p>Have a go at growing some plants, either inside or outside. What does the plant need to grow?</p> <p>Have a look at some different bulbs and seeds. What is the same and what is different about them?</p>
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"> • Black leggings or tracksuit bottoms • Trainers • A plain sweatshirt in any colour • Long hair must be tied up <p>Go Noodle and BBC Super Movers are great websites to get moving indoors!</p>
Forest School 	<p>We are very lucky to be continuing our Forest School sessions this half term with Mrs Downey. Forest School aims to promote the holistic development of all involved, fostering resilient, confident, independent and creative learners. So far, we have built dens for our forest friends, created our own forest names and explored different habitats and invertebrates using pooters.</p> <p>Our Forest School day is FRIDAY.</p>	<p>Ask your child what they have learnt in PSHE and what they can do to keep themselves and others safe.</p> <p>Please make sure your child has full Forest School clothing including waterproof shoes, trousers and a coat. Lots of layers are essential as we will be outside in all weathers.</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. 	