

Geography:

In Geography we will continue to develop our map skills that we introduced last term.

The learning focus for this term is human geography. The children will learn to ask and answer questions and identify key features of their local environment.

In History we will be learning about the history of Harlow. We will find out about the changes that have taken place in the town over the years and focus on the work of Sir Frederick Gibberd.

Art/Design and Technology:

In Art this term we will be focusing on drawing. Children will develop their mark making skills and explore techniques when using different media. They will also be working on drawing from observation.

In the second half of the term in DT we will be focusing on structures. The children will learn how to create their own windmill structure using different techniques.

Drama and Music

There will be cross-curricular links to drama and music this term especially when we are focusing on our traditional tales topic.

Other Information

Weather:

Please could you ensure that your child has appropriate clothing in school for break times and lunch breaks. Any hats and scarves will need to be **clearly named**.

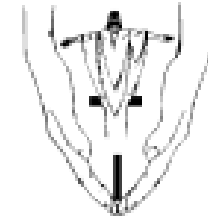
Homework:

Homework will continue to be sent out on a Friday and will be due back on Wednesday of the following week at the latest. Homework will be based on what the focus of learning was this term and will be either maths or literacy based. Please continue to practise your child's sounds with them and read with them every night.

The Enchanted Kingdom of Wyvernwood

The children will be going to Wyvernwood adventure park in Colchester and enjoying a day in the enchanted kingdom. This is linked to our English topic and the children will be looking at different fantasy stories in more detail.

Holy Cross Catholic Primary Academy



Year One

Spring Curriculum Letter

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The following is an outline of the work that your child will be covering during the Spring Term of Year 1.

English

Our English target will be to lengthen pieces of writing and to use new vocabulary in our written work.

Reading:

We are continuing to follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme. Children are taught daily phonics and participate in group reading sessions during the week. It is important that you try and read each day with your child and log this in their home school reading diaries.

We will be enjoying reading and retelling various Fantasy Stories from around the world. These will include Cinderella, Snow white, plus many others.

Writing:

Children will use Traditional Tales as models for their own writing. They will experiment with using descriptive words and phrases using phonics as the prime approach to spell unfamiliar words. They will construct simple sentences remembering the use of capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. They will use descriptive language to describe characters and settings in different stories. They will demonstrate that they understand the basic structure of a story by sequencing familiar stories by their events. They will then apply this knowledge to create their own simple stories with an opening, problem, resolution and end.

Spellings:

Children will continue with spellings this term. Please continue to check on Tapestry for more information on this.

Maths

The children will cover the following areas this term in numeracy:

- Place Value within 20
- Addition and Subtraction within 20
- Place Value within 50
- Length and height
- Mass and Volume

We follow the White Rose Hub maths scheme.

Children will use practical resources during lessons to help them to consolidate their understanding of Maths.

Times Tables

Please continue to support your child at home in learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

P.E.

In P.E we will be focusing on ball skills, team invasion games and net games.

Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit on their PE day.

Grasshoppers PE lessons will be on Tuesday and Friday

Dragonflies PE lessons will be on Thursday and Friday.

Computing

For computing this term we will be continuing to create digital media and learning how to label, group and search for data and information.

We continue to learn about online safety throughout the year.

RE

Our topics for this term will be 'Special People', 'Meals' and 'Change'. We will be learning about the people in our Parish family, Mass, Jesus' special meal and Lent. We will also have opportunities to visit the Church.

The Catholic Social Teaching Principles we will be focusing on this term are 'Peace' and 'Creation and the Environment'.

Our Gospel Values are; Love, Humility, Gentleness, Forgiveness, Justice, Integrity, Simplicity, Compassion, Hope and Peace. We learn about our nine Gospel Values throughout the year.

Science

This half term our main focus is 'Everyday Materials'. The subject develops children's understanding of everyday materials—such as plastics, metals, wood and bricks and the properties of each, that makes them suitable for construction of classroom/home items..

Children will learn how to plan, predict, carry out and write up a simple investigation.

During the second half term we will be focusing on plants. We will be learning about different types of plants and what they need to grow and survive.

PSHE

Our Jigsaw topics for this term are 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'. In the first topic children will learn about challenges and goals and ways of achieving them. In the second they will learn about healthy and unhealthy choices and ways to keep safe.