

History/Geography: This term, we will be studying rivers. We will be finding out about the parts of the river, how erosion, deposition and transportation are important in a river's journey, flooding and drought and also how the river is used now and then.

Art: In art the children will be creating their own collage piece in the style of Henri Matisse. They will research some of his pieces and re-create his work using different collage techniques.

DT: In DT, the children will be designing their own dish, trying to use locally sourced foods. We will talk about where food is grown, how far food travels and we will also look at fair trade ethical issues.

Music: During this term, the children will be working with our music specialist to further their own musical skills., they will be creating their own music pieces linked to our topic of water and rivers.

PE: PE this term will be on a Monday afternoon (which is a double slot) but please make sure that your kit is always in school everyday. As we are now in Winter, it is essential that your child has their Winter PE kit to wear in case we go outdoors. We will be focusing on gymnastics in the first term.

The children will also continue their work with Forest Schools on Tuesday afternoons too. Please make sure children have wellies and warm clothes with them.

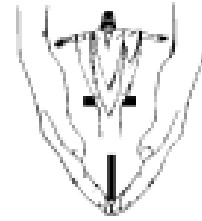
Trip: Year 6 are incredibly fortunate and will be travelling to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Cathedral this term.

Itslearning: During the term we will continue to put homework, activities and information for the children on itslearning. <https://www.itslearning.com>

Remember to access the school website too for even more information. <http://www.holycross-pri.essex.sch.uk/>

Homework: This term, homework will continue to be given out on a Friday and is due in on Wednesdays please. On occasions the children may be given extra homework from their booster sessions, this will be from their CGP books.

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The following is an outline of the work that your child will be covering this term.

Literacy

Reading: During this term we are going to be reading a wide range of short fictional stories and poems to support us with our fiction writing. We will also be using song lyrics to develop our reading comprehension too from a wide range of artists. Reading both individually and within groups will help to further develop our reading skills.

Writing: This term we will be writing based on our reading. During the first half of the term we will be focusing on the features of a wide variety of fictional genres, ranging from fantasy to Sci-Fi and we will even look at horror stories!

Throughout the second half of the term we will work on writing autobiographies and biographies on ourselves and on famous people.

This term we will also continue to work on our handwriting, particularly focusing on developing a clear, joined-up style.

Spelling/Grammar: This term we will continue to work on the spelling, punctuation and grammar rules that the children will be tested on during the SATs. We will look carefully at the various terms that the children need to know and will also continue to revise and practise our use of punctuation and spelling.

Numeracy

This term in Numeracy we will be learning to;

- Solve problems involving all four functions in the context of time, money or measure, including those with multiple steps.
- Order positive, negative and decimal numbers using knowledge of place value
- Know all times tables up to x12 and the related division facts.
- Estimate, measure, weigh and compare objects using correct vocabulary.
- Display results using lists, tables, pictures, block graphs, line graphs, pictograms and pie charts and interpret the results, using averages and questioning.
- Describe more complex patterns and relationships involving number.
- Visualise, name and know the features of regular and irregular 2D shapes and 3D solids.
- Understand how fractions, decimals and percentages are related and to be able to solve problems involving all 3.
- To understand how to solve problems linked to ratio and proportion.
- Describe ways of solving puzzles and problems, giving detailed reasons for findings.
- Use efficient methods to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations.

Science: In science we will be studying the water cycle to begin with which links to our rivers topic.

In the 2nd half of the term, we will study light and shadows.

ICT: During this term, ICT will be used to support our work in geography, literacy and numeracy. The children will be conducting their own Internet research, they will use word processors to write up their reports, they will also be using multi-media programs to digitally create their own pieces linked to rivers.

French: This term, we will be learning how to read, write and say how to travel to different places and what the names of different modes of transport are.

PSHE:

Our whole school core value focus will be on justice. This theme focuses primarily on the key aspect of giving everyone a fair chance to make a difference for themselves and others.