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Dear Parents/Carers

St Cecilia Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

This term, we will be learning about 'It's all Greek to me?'. This letter will give you some key information about what we will be learning this term and how you can support this learning at home. Please see below –

Subject	Content	Supporting your child home
Religious Education	We will study 3 topics: Ourselves- Created in the image and likeness of God. Life choices- We look at marriage, commitment, and service. Hope- advent; waiting in joyful hope for Jesus; the promised one.	Read through verses related to our themes at home from your bible. Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love. Write underneath it "We show God's love to one another." Include those who have died. Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree. Use the CAFOD or Mission websites to get a religious Advent calendar. Reflect upon what makes your children special. Discuss respect and how to show this.
English	Book studies: Stormbreaker by Alex Rider, Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman. Your child will have the opportunity to develop their writing skills through writing a narrative, a biography and a non-chronological report, whilst also developing their GPS skills within their writing	Complete your homework weekly. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f Read regularly with your child.
Maths	In Maths we will continue to follow our Power Maths White Rose Scheme. We will be focusing first on improving children's place value skills and then using these to develop their knowledge of addition and subtraction and then multiplication and division. We will then move on to fractions.	Practice times tables daily. Please look at this website to help to develop your child's understanding in Maths - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39 https://whiterosemaths.com/ https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/ordering-and-sequencing



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Science	Earth and space We will be exploring space, the planets and the moon. Forces – We will explore different forces and using scientific enquiry investigate what is causing the forces and where they come from	Please take a look at this website to help to develop your child's understanding in Science - https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/category/discover/science/ Year 5 Year 5 Science - BBC Bitesize Take notice of the stars around you – can you draw and label any constellations? Can you see any planets?
History	Ancient Greece – a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world	Please take a look at this website to help to develop your child's understanding in History - Year 5 Year 5 History - BBC Bitesize Look at ancient Greek websites.
Geography	Place knowledge- understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a region in a European country	Please take a look at this website to help to develop your child's understanding in Geography - Year 5 Year 5 Geography - BBC Bitesize Google maps -look at the coastline and different tourist attraction.
Art	Sculpture and 3D interactive installation We will create an installation plan, model or space. The children will describe their creations and the changes they made as they worked.	Please take a look at this website to help to develop your child's understanding in Art - KS2 Art and Design - BBC Bitesize
Design and Technology	Electrical System: Doodlers We will create a functional Doodler that creates scribbles on paper with or without a switch.	Year 5 Year 5 Design and Technology - BBC Bitesize Look at different mechanisms
Music	Class Guitar lesson- by an outside provider	Year 5 Year 5 Music - BBC Bitesize Listen to some rock music – compare the riffs between the guitars.
Physical Education	Yoga Dodgeball Swimming after half term	Get to park and be active – think about your movements which ones make you more tired. Ensure you child has PE kit in school on Monday and Thursday.
PSHE	We will be using the Ten:Ten scheme to deliver PSHE to your child. This includes topics such as: feeling under pressure, self-talk, first aid and current trends- grooming	Ask your child about their day. Make sure they are talking about their feelings and how they are coping with their schoolwork as they start in a new year group.
French	French monster pets We will be: Revising noun gender, using the correct article to go with nouns, making adjectives agree with the noun they describe and sentence constructions, placing the adjectives in the correct place.	KS2 French - BBC Bitesize
Computing	Search Engines Programming Music Online Safety	Year 5 Year 5 Computing - BBC Bitesize https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/

Other information for the start of the year ...

Our PE days are Monday and Thursday.

Please ensure your child has their jumper, a coat/jacket and their water bottle in school every day.



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Please check that all items of your child's uniform is labelled with their name and that they come to school dressed in accordance to our uniform policy. This includes black school shoes (no trainers) and hair accessories in school colours (blue, white or yellow).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email us: year5@holycrossprimary.thurrock.sch.uk

If you need an appointment with either of us to discuss something, please contact the office and we can arrange a time that suits us both.

We look forward to working in partnership with you this term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Allen and Mrs Vorster

