

Mission Statement Motto: *Building relationships with God and each other, working hard in faith and hope to give our best in all things*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 5 Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

This term, we will be learning about 'Stargazers'. 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	<p>The children will study 3 topics – Ourselves/ Life choices/ Hope.</p> <p>During our first topic we will explore how God made us in his image and celebrate all our differences and what make us unique. We will the look at the choices we make and the ones that God encourages. During our last topic we look at the importance hope and how we should always have hope.</p>	<p>Read through verses related to our themes at home form your bible.</p> <p>Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love.</p> <p>Write underneath it "We show God's love to one another."</p> <p>Include those who have died.</p> <p>Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.</p> <p>Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.</p> <p>Use the CAFOD or Mission websites to get a religious Advent calendar.</p> <p>Reflect upon what makes your children special.</p> <p>Discuss respect and how to show this.</p>
English	<p>Book studies: Stormbreaker by Alex Rider, Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman.</p> <p>We will use a variety of reading skills including retrieval and inference and answer questions from the text. This will deepen our vocabulary and understanding of genres.</p> <p>Your child will have the opportunity to develop their writing skills through studying 'The man who walked between 2 Towers, Robot girl, Percy Jackson and Hidden Figures.'</p>	<p>Complete your homework weekly and practise spellings.</p> <p>Read regularly with your child, ask them questions about the book.</p> <p>Find out about modal verbs and why we use this. Pick out words from you reading book and find synonyms. Please use this website to help to develop your child's understanding in English and grammar - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f</p> <p>Allow you children to develop their creative writing by writing a diary entry daily or their own creative narrative.</p>



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Maths	In Maths we will continue to follow our Power Maths Scheme and use supporting materials from White Rose. We will be focusing first on improving children's place value skills and then using these to develop their knowledge of multiplication and division and then addition and subtraction. We will then move on to statistics.	Children will need to continue to learn their multiplication tables and be able to recall each fact, within 6 seconds, from 1x1 to 12x12. Use TTRockstars to increase their times tables speeds. Please read our class Key Instant Recall Facts(KIRFs) for Autumn 1 & 2. You can also support your child by encouraging them to explain how they got their answer and ask them to explain how they know they are correct. This will deepen their reasoning and problem-solving skills.
Science	Earth and space We will be exploring space, the planets and the moon.	Take notice of the stars around you – can you draw and label any constellations? Can you see any planets? Design your own planet – what qualities will it have? Rocky surface or a Gas giant? The following websites will help your children: https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/category/discover/science/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39
History	The Vikings What did the Vikings want in Britain and how did Alfred help to stop them getting it? The Viking and Anglo-Saxons struggle for the Kingdom of England	Read some non-fiction books about Vikings. Design you own Viking long boat. Research facts about Viking Kings
Geography	North America Can you plan a great American journey? 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 within North America	Google maps -look at the coastline and different tourist attractions. Where would you like to visit in North America? Find out why North America is such a popular destination and plan your own pretend holiday to North America- where will you go? What will you do?
Art	Design for purpose – Yr. 5 unit Skills: Design Designing to a given criteria; developing design ideas for a room interior, a coat of arms (Viking) and a product to fit a given name	Google some coats or arms and find out their meanings. Design your own family coat of arms and include some of your heritage and culture.
Design and Technology	Navigating our World – yr. 6 unit Programme of Study: Mechanisms Find out about the different mechanisms are used to get the best performance. Explore how levers, pulleys, gears and hydraulics are used to steer the boat.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39 Look around your home at the different mechanisms. How does your cupboard open and close? Try and create a pulley to move an egg to safety.
Music	Livein' On A Prayer Rock music - How rock music developed from the Beatles onwards. Analysing performance.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39 Listen to some rock music – compare the rifts between the guitars.

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Physical Education	Hockey skills Football skills Swimming after half term	Try to encourage your children to be active during the day. It is important that they stay healthy and fit as they are growing. Practise throwing and catching games with your child and let them teach you the yoga poses we learn in school! Ensure you child has PE kit in school on Monday and Thursday.
PSHE	This half term we will be looking at how to regulate our emotions and coping methods to deal with stressful situations. We will also be learning some basic First Aid.	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. Visit the 'Think you Know' website and discuss how to keep safe whilst using the internet. CEOP Education (thinkuknow.co.uk)
French	Bonjour – we will be revisiting the basics in French and learning common phrases we may need.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39 Watch a film using French subtitles. See if you notice any words. Practise with your child at home about the French words and phrases that they learn in school.
Computing	Search Engines Programming Music Online Safety	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39 https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/ Create your own music using scratch at home.

Other information for the start of the year ...

Our PE days are Monday and Tuesday.

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

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 me: year5@holycrossprimary.thurrock.sch.uk

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

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

Yours sincerely

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