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Dear Parents/Carers of St Cecelia Class

Year 5 Spring Term Curriculum Letter

This term, we will be learning about **Anglo-Saxons**. 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	This term we will be exploring the Catholic Mission and our community. We will find out about the Eucharist and look at the sacrifices made during the season of Lent.	Read through verses related to our themes at home from your bible. Decide what you are going to sacrifice during Lent. Research some prominent Catholic missionaries e.g. Mother Theresa. Discuss their good work. Think about how you and your child can be part of the Catholic Mission. Discuss religious symbols such as the Eucharist and tabernacle. Use the CAFOD or Mission websites.
English	Through reading our class texts 'Street Child' and 'There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom' we will develop our reading skills including inference and prediction. In writing we will use a number of texts including 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' to develop our writing of narratives, instructions and reports.	Continue to read daily with your child. Practice spellings daily and put them into sentences. Allow your children to develop their creative writing by writing a diary entry daily or their own creative narrative.
Maths	We will be learning multiplication, division, and fractions. Using our maths scheme, we will use develop our number fluency and problem-solving skills.	Practice times tables daily. Please read our class Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) for Spring 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	We will first look at invisible forces around us and how they interact with our environment followed a chemistry unit looking at changes in state. We will complete some experiments looking at irreversible and reversible changes.	You could complete some easy experiments at home for example, some boats from different materials to test buoyancy, paper aeroplanes to look at air resistance. Through cooking you can show the children that irreversible changes occur due to heat.



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		For some more ideas on experiments you can at home follow: Kids Science Experiments Science Experiments for Kids Science Fun
History	Benin (West Africa) What sort of place was Benin 500 to 1000 years ago? We will explore daily life a non-European society	Find out some information about the famous Kingdom, who was the first King? Create a diary entry as if you lived in Benin. What would you do? What would you hear?
Geography	African rainforests What would settlement have looked like in early Benin? Physical and Human geography – describe and understand climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts Understand types of settlement and land use	Create your own biome at home. Research the effects of climate change on the planet and write a speech.
Art	Exploring art with a message, looking at the works of Pablo Picasso and Käthe Kollwitz and through the mediums of graffiti, drawing, painting and sculpture, creating artworks with a message.	Look at some of the artists and the meaning behind their artwork Try and recreate you favourite one.
Design and Technology	Using a combination of textiles skills such as attaching fastenings, appliqué and decorative stitches, design, assemble and decorate a waistcoat for a chosen purpose.	Have a go at sewing at home. Explore different styles of waistcoats. Can you draw your favourite one?
Music	The Fresh Prince of Bel Air Hip Hop- Option to make up (compose) own rap or words to the existing rap, that could link to any topic in school, graffiti art, literacy, breakdancing and 80s Hip hop culture in general. Historical context of musical styles.	Listen to other hip hop songs at home and see if you can discover their features. Write your own rap at home.
Physical Education	Dance Rounders PE will be on Monday and Thursday afternoons.	Complete some 'Just Dance' workouts on YouTube. If you have a small ball – practise throwing this into the air and catching.
PSHE	We continue to use the Dot Com scheme in school to deliver PSHE. Your child will look at: Being Special and Different Right For Every Child Living Together The Value of Friendship Love, Honour and Courage Keeping Safe Early Warning Signs	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit the 'Think you Know' website and discuss how to keep safe whilst using the internet. CEOP Education (thinkuknow.co.uk)
French	We will be continuing to learn how to ask questions about each other including asking about family, school and favourite food.	Download the free 'Duolingo app': Duolingo - The world's best way to learn a language Select French and develop some new vocabulary. Ask your children to practise their French with you.
Computing	Databases using the Mars Rover. We will be using spreadsheets and learning how to create code to speed up a calculation.	Research the Mars Rover and how it can send messages back to the world. Find out about other satellites.

I look forward to working in partnership with you this term. For other dates, please refer to the school newsletter. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to let me know. My email is- year5@holycrossprimary.thurrock.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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