

April 2023 Pentecost Term



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the Easter break. I hope you have had a wonderful Easter spent with family and friends. It is the final term for your child here at Holy Cross and what a busy (and hopefully fun) term we have planned, with our residential, Sports Day and leavers' assembly. Please find below a list of the topics that we will be covering during the coming Pentecost term.

SATS - Week commencing Tuesday 9th May 2023

The Key Stage Two 'Statutory Assessment Tests' are taken during this week! These tests are designed to establish children's knowledge and understanding of specific elements of the Key Stage Two programmes of study. They provide an understanding of a child's attainment at the end of Key Stage Two.

The children have been fantastic with returning their SATs homework to school and I would like to thank you for your support with this. Over the next few weeks, we will be continuing with our homework in the SATs revision books which need to be returned to school on a Monday so that they can be marked and new homework set by Wednesday.

The Tests

Maths, Reading Comprehension, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar will be assessed throughout the week.

Tuesday 9th May: English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling papers 1 and 2

Wednesday 10th May: English reading

Thursday 11th May: Mathematics paper 1 Arithmetic and Paper 2 Reasoning

Friday 12th May: Mathematics Paper 3 Reasoning

Throughout Year 6, teachers also assess children's attainment in writing. Here, at Holy Cross, we keep ongoing assessments of writing throughout the year and assessment judgements for writing are reported to the Local Authority, as well as to parents.

We wish all the children the very best of luck during this time and, as ever, we only ask them to try their best. They have worked extremely hard and we are very proud of them!

RE:

The topics this term are Witnesses, Healing and Common Good. The first topic looks at Pentecost and we will learn about the gift of the Holy Spirit and serving as a way of life. Our topic on healing looks at the sacrament of the anointing of the sick and how part of the responsibility of being a Christian is to have compassion and care for those in need especially the sick. The topic Common Good looks at the work of the worldwide Christian family and how these people and organisations look after our world in supporting our neighbours near and far and how we too can play a part.



English

During this term, the children will be studying a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. We will complete the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, which we all enjoyed last term and this provided a super stimulus for some excellent writing. During the first part of the Pentecost term, we will also study the award-winning book, 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. This is an epic true story of how Shackleton and his crew managed to survive an attempt to cross the frozen heart of Antarctica. This text will support our learning in our geography topic on the North and South Poles.



In the second half of the term, we will study the international best seller, 'Wonder' by R J Palacio. Both these books will provide material for some wonderful English work and prompt much opportunity for discussion.

Spellings

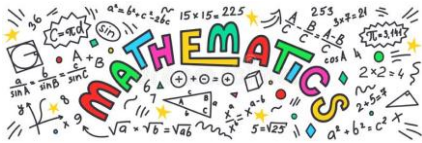
We will continue to use the Pyramid approach to the teaching of spelling. The pyramid will be given to your child this week (a copy is also available on our Class Dojo page).

Spellings will be tested on a Thursday and the first test will be Thursday 20th April.

Reading

Please continue to read regularly with your child, as this greatly improves their progress in all areas of the curriculum. Your child should try and read every night for 15 minutes at least and record this in their books. Please make every effort to hear your child read at least three times per week and record this in their diary.

Please ensure reading diaries are in school on a Monday for weekly reading to be checked.



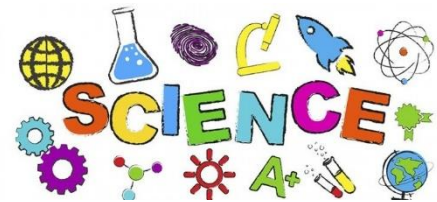
Maths

Maths will continue to follow the White Rose curriculum with supporting materials. This term some of the topics studied will be statistics, shape and geometry along with consolidation of the topics we

have covered so far.

Science

Our science topics for this term are living things and their habitats and animals including humans. We will look at classifying living things into groups, identify the main parts of the human circulatory system and discuss the impact of lifestyle on health.



History and Geography

During the first half term, we will study the North and South Poles. This learning will also be supported by our work in English.

During the second half term, we will study Civil and Human Rights. We will look at what Civil and Human rights are and the notable figures that have contributed to their advance.

Computing.

In Computing, we will continue to follow the NCCE programme of study. We will continue to use Word and the Internet to enhance the work we do in other curriculum areas.

Art, design, and Music

We will be developing our art and design skills following the design Kapow scheme of work.

We are very fortunate that our weekly music lessons taught by a specialist music teacher will continue this term. Our music lessons will be on a Thursday morning.

French

We will continue to study French using the Language Angels scheme of work. The children will study two new units and revise key areas and vocabulary from last term.

This term, teachers in Key Stage 2 will continue to teach their lead subject to Years 3 -6. These subjects will be taught on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon and the following teachers will teach Class 6:

Miss Gibbens -Science

Mrs Fitzpatrick - French

Mrs Oates – Computing

Miss Bamford - PSHE

P.E.

We are very fortunate that our PE lessons are continuing with Mr Woolly on a Thursday afternoon which will continue to rotate fortnightly with Forest School. The children will need to come to school wearing their full PE kit on a Thursday.

The first Forest School session is Thursday 20th April and the first PE session with Mr Woolley is April 27th. Forest school and PE will then continue to rotate fortnightly.

On these Wednesday afternoons the children will also have a PE lesson with Mr Priestley: April 19th and May 3rd and 17th. The children will also need to wear their PE kit on these days.

We encourage the children to drink water whilst in class, so we would be grateful if you could provide your child with a named bottle (with a sports cap) which can be kept for this purpose.

I am looking forward to another busy and exciting term in Class 6. Please feel free to speak to me should you ever have any questions, concerns or worries.

Miss. Bamford and Mrs. Alderson
Year 6 Team