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Dear Parents and Carers,

Origami with Sophie Project

Sophie's parents, Harry and Quynh, are delighted to be leading us in a very special art project that we hope the whole Holy Family community will become involved with. The project involves making origami paper cranes that will eventually be combined to create a wonderful art installation in school in memory of Sophie. For those of you who are new to Holy Family, Sophie was a treasured Year 1 pupil who very sadly passed away in July this year. As a school we will always remember Sophie and feel this project is a beautiful, creative way of commemorating her life and is rooted in the passion that Sophie and her family have for art.

Next Wednesday, Harry and Quynh will come to school and teach Year 6 about this ancient Japanese art form and explain the fun and exciting project to them. Once Year 6 are confident at making the cranes, we hope they will teach parents, siblings and children in other classes. The project will continue throughout January where we hope the rest of the school (with the support of parents) will join in, leading to the first week of February where all of the cranes that have been created will be combined together for the art installation to celebrate Lunar New Year and Sophie.

Some background information

Origami is an ancient Japanese art form of paper folding. This project will be a great opportunity for the children to develop and enhance a range of skills:

- understanding geometric concepts and fractions (folding paper in half, quarters etc.)
- improving manual dexterity and fine motor skills
- enhancing creativity and imagination
- reading and following diagrams for instructions
- raising cultural awareness
- relieving anxiety and improving attention span

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In the spirit of the climate change movement, we would also like to encourage the children and families to save the wrapping paper after Christmas and use it to fold the cranes throughout January. If paper can be cut into 15cm by 15cm squares we would very much appreciate it. If not, please just send us your wrapping paper and we will cut it out in school.

Copied below are links and instructions for making the cranes. It would be absolutely amazing if every family contributed to the installation, whether it be with one crane or one hundred! More information will be shared after Christmas but if you you're keen to make a start, we would welcome your cranes in school at any time and we will keep them safe until it is time to make the display.

Resource Website

<https://www.origami-fun.com/origami-crane.html>

PDF Instruction for Origami Crane Model (also copied below)

<https://www.origami-fun.com/support-files/origami-crane-print.pdf>

Youtube Instruction Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ux1ECrNDZI4>

Many thanks for your anticipated support with this unique project,

Mrs Rooney



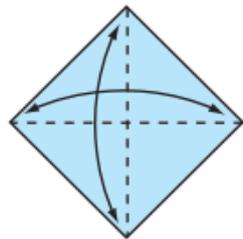
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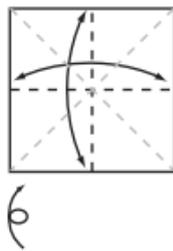
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Origami Crane Instructions

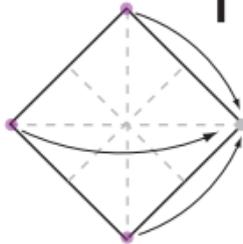
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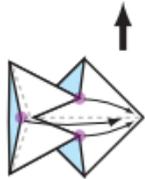
1. Start with a square piece of paper, coloured side up. Fold in half and open. Then fold in half the other way.



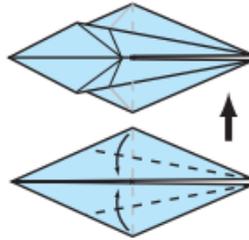
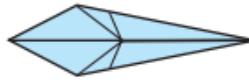
2. Turn the paper over to the white side. Fold the paper in half, crease well and open, and then fold again in the other direction



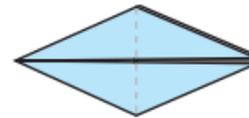
3. Using the creases you have made, bring the top 3 corners of the model down to the bottom corner. Flatten model



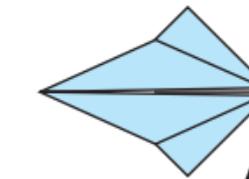
4. Fold top triangular flaps into the centre and unfold



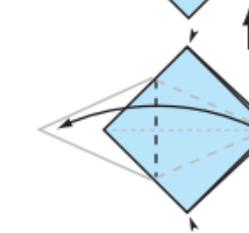
9. Repeat on other side.



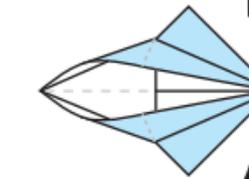
8. Fold top flaps into the centre.



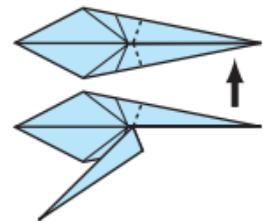
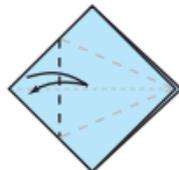
7. Turn model over and repeat Steps 4-6 on the other side.



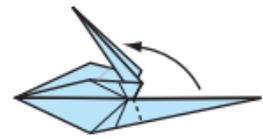
6. Open the uppermost flap of the model, bringing it upwards and pressing the sides of the model inwards at the same time. Flatten down, creasing well.



5. Fold top of model downwards, crease well and unfold



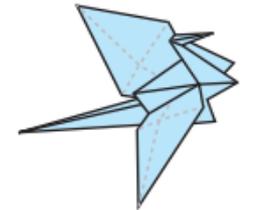
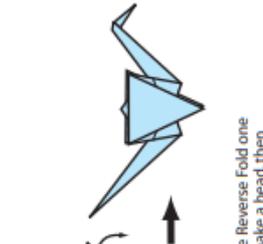
10. Fold both 'legs' of model up, crease very well, then unfold.



11. Inside Reverse Fold the 'legs' along the creases you just made.



12. Inside Reverse Fold one side to make a head, then fold down the wings



Finished Crane

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