

# St Francis' Catholic Primary School

## Curriculum Newsletter



# Year 5

# Year Group and Staff

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**Teachers:** Mrs Kieran and Ms Logan

**Support Staff:** Mrs Zariat, Ms Leachman, Ms Chase, Ms Maitland, Ms Kench & Ms Foster

## English

The two books that we will be using as the basis of our English lessons are "Journey to the River Sea" by Eva Ibbotson and "Ice Trap! Shackleton's Incredible Expedition" by Meredith Moore. These books will be used to develop skills in writing recounts, reports and persuasive writing



We will also continue to focus on the development of reading skills through our comprehension sessions.

## Maths

The children will be learning how to read, write and order 6-digit numbers. We will be developing mental strategies to add decimals and whole numbers. We will be investigating rules of divisibility, factors and square numbers and the properties of triangles.



We will also be continuing to work on our reasoning and problem solving skills.

## Science

### Properties and Changes of Materials

We will revise the three states of matter: solid, liquid and gas and also introduce the properties of solubility and thermal conductivity. We will be exploring separation and irreversible changes.



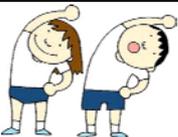
## R.E.

For RE lessons we will be using *Come and See* to look at the following topics.

**CITIZENSHIP**—'Be prepared for Life'— we will be looking at our Christian duty to raise the profile of personal and community responsibilities - 15th Jan—27th Jan

**STEWARDSHIP** - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation 3rd Jan -13th Jan, 29th—9th Feb

**MEMORIAL SACRIFICE** - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice 20th Feb - 16th Mar.



## PE

Please ensure that your child brings appropriate PE kit on Monday and takes it home to wash on a Friday.

Lessons will take place on **Thursdays**

Children will be developing further their skills in striking and fielding then moving on to games and fitness later in the term.

## Music



The ECAM instrument music lessons will continue for Y5s this term and will take place on **Thursdays 3.00—4.30 pm**

Please ensure that your child brings their instrument to school on their allocated day.

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### Foundation Subjects

**Geography - Rivers** We will learn about the water cycle, rivers and the effect they have on the landscape. We will discover how rain finds its way into rivers and how rivers develop from the source to entering the sea.

**History -The Shang Dynasty** We will learn all about The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China, about the formation of the Dynasty and the Kings who ruled it

#### Computing



##### We are Graphic Artists

In these lessons, we will recreate a still-life image in the style of a famous artist using Dazzle.

##### We are Game Developers

When we will learn to create an interactive game.

#### PSHE



We will exploring aspects of Citizenship throughout the Spring Term

### Homework



Children are expected to complete their own homework, however, parents need to sign it before it is handed in to confirm that homework is of an acceptable standard.

Homework is given out on **Friday** and is due back on **Tuesday**.

Please note that any homework deemed unsatisfactory because of poor presentation, poor handwriting and general organisation, will **not** be marked. Your child will be expected to repeat the work to a suitable standard.



**Extra! Extra! Read all about it!**

Please read with your child regularly using a range of reading material e.g. books, newspapers, magazines etc. Encourage your child to discuss with you their reading.



In French we will be learning to talk and write about different forms of transport and our favourite sports.

## French