

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



Year 4

Year Group and Staff

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Teachers: Ms. Alexander Mrs Reid-McKenzie

Support Staff: Ms. Leachman Ms Nso, Ms Patel, Ms Chase, Ms James

English

Children will be reading a range of stories with familiar settings and will write descriptive settings of their own. They will be exploring some of the tales from the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education- (The Power of Reading), then writing their own stories and producing art work based on the books read. We will also be looking at bibliographies of famous people, instructions, fantasy stories and imagery of poetry. For this term, children will be reading the books- 'Fly Eagle Fly' by Christopher Gregorowski and 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry.



Maths

Children will be developing their understanding of place value and comparing and ordering two, three and four-digit numbers. They will be learning about the four number operations to a greater depth. Children will also learn measurement and properties of shape. They will continue to develop their recall of multiplication facts .



Science

Electricity



Children will develop their understanding of Electricity, construct a simple circuit; identify the names and discuss the basic components of a circuit.



States of Matter.

Children will group materials as solids, liquids or gases.

R.E.

For RE lessons we will continue to use **Come and See** as our scheme of work and will be looking into:

PEOPLE: The Family of God in scripture -Our Family Tree.

ST FRANCIS: Explore the life of St. Francis through Art.

JUDAISM: The Torah

CALLED: Confirmation



Please ensure that your child brings appropriate PE kit on the correct day. Lessons will take place on Mondays.

Children will be swimming this term. They will continue to develop skills taught previously and begin to learn new strokes and tech-



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Foundation Subjects

This half term we will focus on 'The Romans'. Children will investigate a living timeline looking at the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain at the time and the legacy it left us. They will be introduced to the Romans; learn a bit about the history of Rome - legend and fact - the settlement, explorers and invasions, as well as understand where in Europe Rome is, and how the Romans came to extend their influence and create such a large and influential Empire.

PSHE

This theme focuses on developing children's knowledge, understanding and skills in three key social and emotional aspects of learning: empathy, managing feelings (with a focus on anger) and social skills.

Computing



Children will bring together data measurement, analysis and presentation, as they take on the role of meteorologists and weather presenters. In addition, pupils will become toy designers which include prototyping an interface toy and designing a toy.

Music



Children will be following the Music express scheme to explore themes such as pitch, rhythm as well as other genres of music. They will have the chance to use tuned and un-tuned instruments as well as explore body percussion.



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**.

If homework is not returned on Tuesday it will not be marked before the next week's homework is given.



Extra! Extra! Read all about it!



Please read with your child every day and ask them questions about what they are reading. Your child must bring their book to school every day as they read quietly at the beginning of the school day.