

# St Francis' Catholic Primary School

## Curriculum Newsletter



# Year 5

# Year Group and Staff

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**Teachers:** Mrs Kieran and Mr Kiernan

**Support Staff:** Mrs Zariat , Ms Patel, Ms Leachman

## English



This term we will be exploring a range of imagery and writing our own poetry using a variety of poetic devices. We will also continue to focus on the development of reading skills through our comprehension sessions.

The two books that we will be using as the basis of our English lessons are "Just so Stories" by Rudyard Kipling and "Clockwork" by Philip Pullman. From which, we will be learning to write effective story openings, how to write a narrative and writing poems in the style of Rudyard Kipling.

## Maths

During the first term in Maths, Year 5 will revise the importance of place value and learn how we can use place value to add and subtract numbers up to 5 digits very quickly. Children will also be expected to use the inverse operation to check their calculations. Children will also learn how to add and subtract decimals and continue to tackle challenging word problems and puzzles.



## Science

### Earth and Space

We will be exploring the movement of the Earth and other planets. The children will also write a detailed explanation text of how Night and Day occur.

### Properties and Changes of Materials

We will be learning to compare and group everyday materials on the basis of their properties



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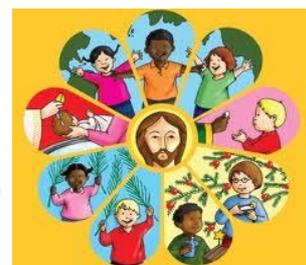
**Ourselves** - Created in the image and likeness of God. 6th – 28th September

**Spiritual place of St Francis** 1st–5th October.

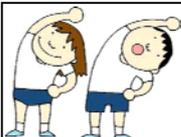
**Judaism**—Passover **Islam**—Ramadan and Pilgrimage. 8th—19th October.

**Life Choices** - Marriage, commitment and service. 29th October—23rd November.

**Hope** - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one. 26th November—End of Term.



## 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 knowledge and skills in games and athletics over the term.

## Music



Year 5 have the exciting opportunity to take part in the ECAM (Every Child a Musician) programme. Children will have the chance to learn an instrument for free! Lesson take place after school on **Thursdays. (Starting the 17th September)** Children will receive their instruments in the first lesson.

Please ensure that your child brings their instrument to school each Thursday.

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### Foundation Subjects

**Geography**—In our Volcanoes & Earthquakes lessons we will be learning about their features, formation and discover how they are distributed around the world.

**Art & Design** - We will be exploring work of Margret Godfrey and creating volcanic 'layer pictures' inspired by her work.

**History**— This term we will be studying an aspect of Black History. Then we will learn about the Second World War in Europe and why the Battle of Britain was such a significant turning point in British History.



### Computing



**Game Design:** Children will plan and then program their own games using the Scratch software. They will need play the game to find bugs that they will work cooperatively to fix them.

**Word Processing:** Pupils will learn how to use MS Word, creating tables, formatting text and using short hand commands to speed up typing.

### PSHE



We will exploring aspects of Citizenship and the issues of bullying throughout the autumn term.

## Homework



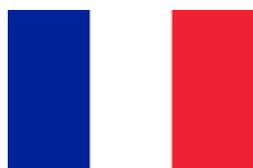
Children are expected to complete their own homework, however, parents need to sign it before it is handed in to confirm that homework is of an acceptable standard.

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.

### MFL - French

In French, we will be learning to describe places and common household objects.



**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.