



# St Francis' Catholic Primary School

## Curriculum Newsletter



### Year 4

## Year Group and Staff

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**Teachers:** Miss Alexander Mrs Reid-McKenzie

**Support Staff:** Ms Jalloh, Ms.Patel, Ms. Osakue. Mr. Mahmood

## 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 Tales by reading books from Centre for Literacy in Primary Education- (The Power of Reading), then writing their own stories and producing art work based on the books read. Our books for this term will be "Way Home" and "Poetry collection"



## Maths

Children will be solving problems involving the four operations. They will also learn how to use mental and written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will identify and compare fractions as well as finding fractions of quantities. Children will continue to learn the 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 multiplication and related division facts.



## Science



### Sound

Children will be exploring sounds using different kinds of instruments. They will be designing and making their own musical instruments. Children will be carrying out fair test and writing investigations including the use of 'fair testing'

### Living Things and Their Habits

Children will describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. They identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions. They will construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey in the local and wider environment.

## R.E.

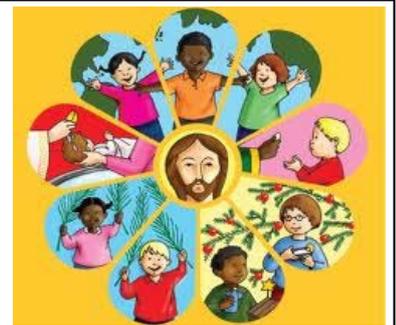
For RE lessons we will continue to use the **Come and See** scheme of work and will be looking into:

**GOD'S PEOPLE** - Different saints show people what God is like

**CITIZENSHIP WEEK:** 'This is me' is the theme of this years topic.

**GIVING & RECEIVING** - Living in communion

**SELF DISCIPLINE** - Celebrating growth to new life



## PE

Year 4 will continue to go swimming every Monday until 4th February 2019.

As of Monday 4th March 2019, your child will learn how to play competitive games and apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending.

**Please ensure that your child brings an appropriate PE kit every Monday and leaves it in school until Friday.**



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### History/ Geography

Children will investigate the men and women who studied the kingdoms and explore their discoveries. They will look at some of the Pharaohs and the development of the pyramids, as well as the mythology that surrounded this early civilisation. We will look at the role the Nile had in allowing this civilisation to flourish and examine daily life, comparing it to our own. We will identify important aspects of the daily life of the Ancient Egyptians; including jobs, food, and games.



### Computing



#### Online Safety

In this unit, children learn about preventing and dealing with cyberbullying; how to use search engines efficiently; how to avoid plagiarism online; and how to be a good digital citizen. The unit ends with children applying their new knowledge to design a character to be displayed around school to promote online safety.

#### Word processing

Children will learn new skills and techniques and apply them to creating a range of different word documents (posters, letters to parents, job rotas, recipe cards and e-vouchers) which they will use during the cake sale project.

### MFL - French

In French, the children will learn to speak about likes and dislikes.

They will also learn how to ask for things politely in French.

Later in the term, they will look at compound sentences with connectives and adjectives.



## 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**.

## Healthy School

In Year 4 children are still able to bring snacks at break time, but please remember these need to be of a healthy variety (not biscuits).

When preparing birthday party bags, please remember we can not give any sweets or cake out. We appreciate your ongoing support with this.



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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.