

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 Dai

English

The two books that we will be using as the basis of our English lessons are "Locomotion" by Jacqueline Woodson and "Ice Trap! Shackleton's Incredible Expedition" by Meredith Moore. These books will be used to develop skills in writing poetry, diary entries, 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

This term we will use our knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating. We will learn that some changes in materials can result in the formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is not usually reversible.



R.E.

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

MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in our diocese (Ecumenism) **8th Jan. - 11th Jan**

CITIZENSHIP—This year's theme is *This is Me!* - **14th Jan-28thJan**

MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice **11th Feb. - 15th Mar.**

SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus **18th Mar- 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 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 Y5 after school this term and will take place on

Thursdays 3.15—4.30 pm

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



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History & Geography

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 their 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



3D Modelling

In this unit the children extend their drawing skills to create 3D models. We will learn how to create simple and then more complex 3D models. We will learn to add detail and manipulate 3D models using a variety of tools. The software used in this topic is called SketchUp. This is a piece of free software and can be downloaded and used at home if children are feeling creative! www.sketchup.com

Internet Research and Webpage Design

This unit develops skills for searching the Internet with the introduction of creating and editing a webpage using Google Sites. We will be learning how to use different techniques when using search engines and how to create a webpage which includes images and links to other webpages.

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.

PSHE

We will be exploring aspects of Citizenship throughout the Spring Term, along with our Internet Safety Week work. We will also be continuing our Growth Mindset work to develop confidence and resilience.



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