

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



Year 5

Year Group and Staff

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Teachers: Mrs Baptiste & Mr Reily

Support Staff: Mrs Zariat, Ms Maitland, Ms Diai, Ms Leachman, Ms. Chase

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 "There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom" by Louis Sachar and "Clockwork" by Philip Pullman. From which, we will be learning to write effective story openings, how to write a narrative and exploring how authors build up descriptions of their characters.

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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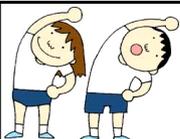
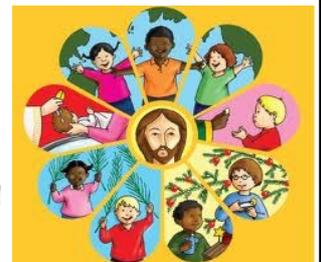
Ourselves - Created in the image and likeness of God. 4th – 27th September

Special Friends of St Francis 30th September – 4th October.

Islam—Beliefs and Festivals **Judaism**—Passover . 7th—18th October.

Life Choices - Marriage, commitment and service. 18th October—22nd November.

Hope - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one. 25th 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



This term in music we will be exploring the two basic elements of music—rhythm and pitch—and how they are used to create music. We will be composing our own rhythms, using rhythmic notation, practicing singing in parts as well as listening to various genres of music.

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History

Pupils will focus on the celebration of Black History. The theme for this year is commemorating the struggle while celebrating the triumph.

We will be focusing on Apartheid:

What is it and its significance ; The main events

How did it commence; when, here etc; Significant figures,

Autumn 2: How the forces of Nature affects humans



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.

'We are cryptographers: Pupils will learn how to create and crack codes, using their computational thinking skills.

PSHE



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

Homework



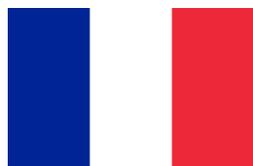
Children are expected to complete their own homework, however, parents need to sign it before it is handed in to confirm that homework is of an acceptable standard.

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

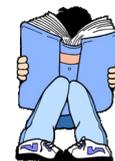
Please note that any homework deemed unsatisfactory because of poor presentation, poor handwriting and general organisation, will **not** be marked. Your child will be expected to repeat the work to a suitable standard.

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 Materials, e.g. books, newspapers, magazines etc. Encourage your child to discuss their reading with you.

Please also make use of the fantastic on-line resources we are signed up to:

Bug Club (Reading Comprehension)

Education City

Timestable Rockstars.