

# St Francis' Catholic Primary School

## Curriculum Newsletter



# Year 5

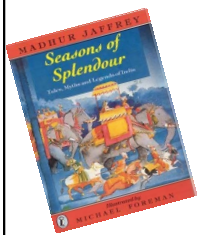
# Year Group and Staff

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Teachers: Mrs Kieran and Mr Kiernan

## English

This term we will be using 'The Adventures of Odysseus' and 'Seasons of Splendour' in our English lessons. These books will be used to develop skills in writing narratives, myths and legends, reports and arguments



We will continue to develop our reading and writing skills through our comprehension, writing and Big Write sessions.

## Maths



The children will be learning about numbers and our number system and developing mental and written methods for calculation.

We will also be extending our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages, along with geometry and Statistics.

## Science

Over this term Year 5 will be learning why living things need to reproduce. We will explore in detail the human life cycle, comparing it with other animals.

The School Nurse will visit to talk to the children about the physical and emotional changes during puberty.

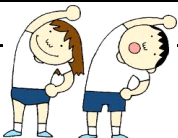
## R.E.

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

**STEWARDSHIP:** The church is called to the stewardship of Creation *23rd April - 10th May*

**TRANSFORMATION:** Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power *20th May—21st June*

**FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY:** Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible *4th June- End of Term*



## PE

Please ensure that your child brings appropriate PE kit on the correct day.

Lessons will take place on **Thursday**

Children will be developing further their knowledge and skills in striking and fielding games then moving on to outdoor activities 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

**History**—We will begin the Summer Term by learning about the important Anglo-Saxon Kings, especially King Ethelbert, King Offa and King Alfred. We will be exploring the system of law and the class system.

**International Studies** —The second half of the term we will be studying the United States of America. We will be exploring the geography, culture and art of this vibrant and rich country. We would love any parents with a knowledge of the USA to volunteer their expertise.— particu-



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### Computing

**We are Artists** Year 5 will be creating their own art gallery of geometric art, taking inspiration from the work of Escher, Riley and traditional Islamic artists.

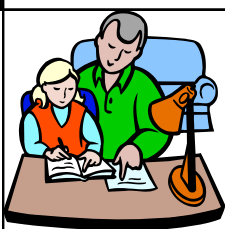
**Controlling Devices** This unit introduces children to flowcharts and how they are used to program and control devices. Children will learn how to use Flowol software, which includes simulations of real life automatic computer systems.

### French

#### À l'école

Over the term we will developing our language skills, learning the vocabulary related to school.

### 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.

We are happy for parents to write a comment about your child's homework in their books.

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

### PSHE

We will also be continuing our Growth Mindset work to develop confidence and resilience. This term we will be following our **JOURNEY IN LOVE:(13th -17th May )** Pupils will develop the understanding that - *God loves me in my changing*



**Extra! Extra! Read all about it!**



In order for your child to make progress in all subjects, it is important that they read a range of books regularly.

Children love reading with an adult, so please read with your child using a range of material e.g. newspapers, magazines etc. encouraging them to