

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



Year 2

Year Group and Staff

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Teachers: Mr Kiernan and Ms Edwards

Support Staff: Mrs Byrnes, Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Chase, Ms Patel and Ms Cockley.

English

This term we will be looking at stories with familiar settings, traditional tales, reports, letters, post-cards and poetry. We will be reading the books 'The Dark,' by Lemony Snicket and 'The Jolly Postman' by Allan Ahlberg.

Hopefully you will also notice a big increase in your child's vocabulary due to our focus on learning new words and using them correctly in regular vocabulary lessons.



Maths

Children will be looking at Number and place value, mental addition and subtraction strategies, Geometry: position and direction, measurement, mental multiplication and division skills. We will be focusing on learning the times tables in and out of order.



Science

Living Things and Their Habitats

Children will learn about a variety of habitats and the plants and animals that live there. They learn to tell the difference between things that are living, non-living and things that were never alive. Children will also explore the importance of the food chain and

how all the creatures in a habitat are linked together.



R.E.

For RE lessons we will use **Come and See** and will be looking into:

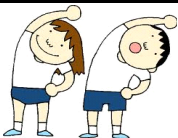
Beginnings: God at every beginning.

Signs and symbols: Exploring the signs and symbols found in baptism.

Preparations: Advent as a time to prepare for Christmas.

Islam: Prayers in the home.

Judaism: The Shabbat.



PE

Please ensure that your child brings appropriate PE kit and leaves it in school for the week.

Lessons will take place on Wednesday.

Children will be learning games, fitness and athletics.

WWW

To support your child at home please continue to use:

www.educationcity.co.uk

and

www.trockstars.com



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History and Geography

In the Autumn term children will develop key history and geography skills while learning about the tragic event of The Great Fire of London in 1666. They will explore reasons why the fire started from eye witness accounts and other historical sources; how 17th Century Londoners tried to stop the fire but also how this fire changed the geography of London forever. Children will also be able to see how the London we live in today remembers the fire through famous landmarks.



Computing

In Year 2, children will begin to learn the basics of computer programming. They will begin to understand how a computer follows very specific instructions in order. They will then write a simple program to create a moving picture. After half term children will use these programming skills to review and perhaps improve simple computer games.

Children are taught to program using Scratch which is free to use online at home.



FRENCH French

Children will learn how to say their birthday in French as well as all the months of the year. They will also be learning how to ask for some food in a shop.

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**. Remember homework is to be completed in homework books (not in the worksheet we send).

If homework is not returned on Tuesday it will not be marked before the next week's homework is given.

Music



This term we will be exploring metre, pitch, pulse and rhythm.

We will also be very busy preparing the Christmas Nativity play for you to enjoy!

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

Please read with your child every day. Once you have heard your child read, ask them questions about the book, the characters and the plot.



Please sign your child's reading record to show us when your child has finished their reading books.

