

St Francis' Catholic Primary School



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1 Year Group and Staff

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Teacher: Mr Kiernan

Support Staff: Mrs Kanapathy, Ms Chase and Ms Popo

R.W.I & Big Write

Children in Year 1 will continue with the RWI phonics programme; learning sounds and applying them to help them read and spell.

Year One children will also have weekly Big Write lessons where they will learn famous traditional stories. Children will retell the stories, add actions and eventually write out the story adding some of their own ideas.

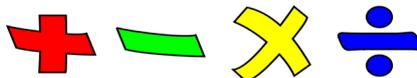


Maths

At the start of the term, Year 1 will reinforce the most important skills from Reception to ensure the children are prepared for Year 1 maths. We will be focusing on accurately counting to 20, adding single digit numbers and subtracting using single digit numbers.

Children will also practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as well as doubling and halving numbers.

After half term, children will then focus on learning about place value, calculations with some larger numbers and the names and



Science

Who am I? / Celebrations

In the first half of the term, Year 1 will be learning about the human body. Children will learn the names of the main parts of the body, identify body parts by looking at x rays and exploring the five senses in detail: smell, sight, taste, touch and hearing.

After the half term children will start the topic of 'Celebrations.' In this topic children will learning about different materials, light and plants all through exploring various celebrations



RE

St Francis: pupils will learn about how the patron saint of our school demonstrated resilience through the story of 'St Francis and the Wolf of Gubbio.'

Families: children will learn how God loves us as a parent and how God's love and care is shown in the family.

Belonging: Year 1 will explore how baptism welcomes people into God's family. They will begin to understand some of the symbols used in the sacrament of baptism.

Waiting: as Christmas approaches, children learn some of the symbols to do with Advent and how we wait for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.



Reading

Children should read a variety of amazing books through the Oxford Owl website. Visit www.oxfordowl.co.uk.

Username: MrKiernan

Password: francis

Children should read every day with an adult. Children can also read any books they have at home.



PE

PE is **every Tuesday**.

Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit ready for Tuesday.

In the Autumn term, children will learn about different games and fitness, with a particular focus on ball skills. They will also learn various dance steps and routines after



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History & Geography

To start the year, the children in Year 1 will explore Traditional African stories as part of our Black History Month celebrations. Children will hear and role-play a variety of stories, but will also learn about their significance of traditional oral story telling.



Children will then start a new Geography topic learning about our school and our local area. Children will become real geographers by carrying out fieldwork, holding surveys about how children travel to school and making maps of our

Computing

Year 1 will focus on word processing in the first half of the term. They will learn how to change fonts, text sizes as well as some keyboard short cuts to help them improve their typing. Children will also begin to understand the basics of computer programming by using programmable BeeBot toys. Children will begin to understand that an algorithm is a set of instructions used to solve



PSHE

After lockdown and missing a long period of school, children may be feeling a variety of emotions and may need to share their feelings. To start the year, we will focus on a variety of issues such as loneliness and sadness and explore how we can deal with these emotions. Children will have the time and space to discuss how they are feeling. We will also learn about strategies to deal with bullying during our annual Anti-Bullying week.

Homework

Homework is now set on Google Classroom.

Children should log on to Google Classroom at home using the same log in details they used during the school's closure. They do not need to enter a new class code. Every week there will be one piece of English and one piece of Maths homework. The weekly spellings will also be posted.

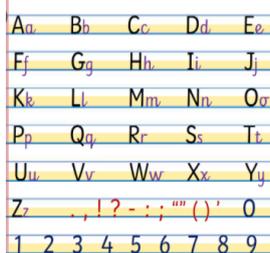
Homework is **set on Friday** and is due to be **returned by Tuesday**. Remember to click the 'turn in' button so the homework can be marked.



Handwriting

Everyday children will practise their handwriting. To start with, children will learn to orientate letters and numbers the correct way round and then practise forming the letters correctly, starting at the correct point and forming them on the line.

In Year One, leaving spaces between words as well as making sure capital letters and lower case are the appropriate sizes is very important. These



French

Children will begin by learning different greetings for different times of the day in French. Then, after half term, children will learn the days of the week in French.

